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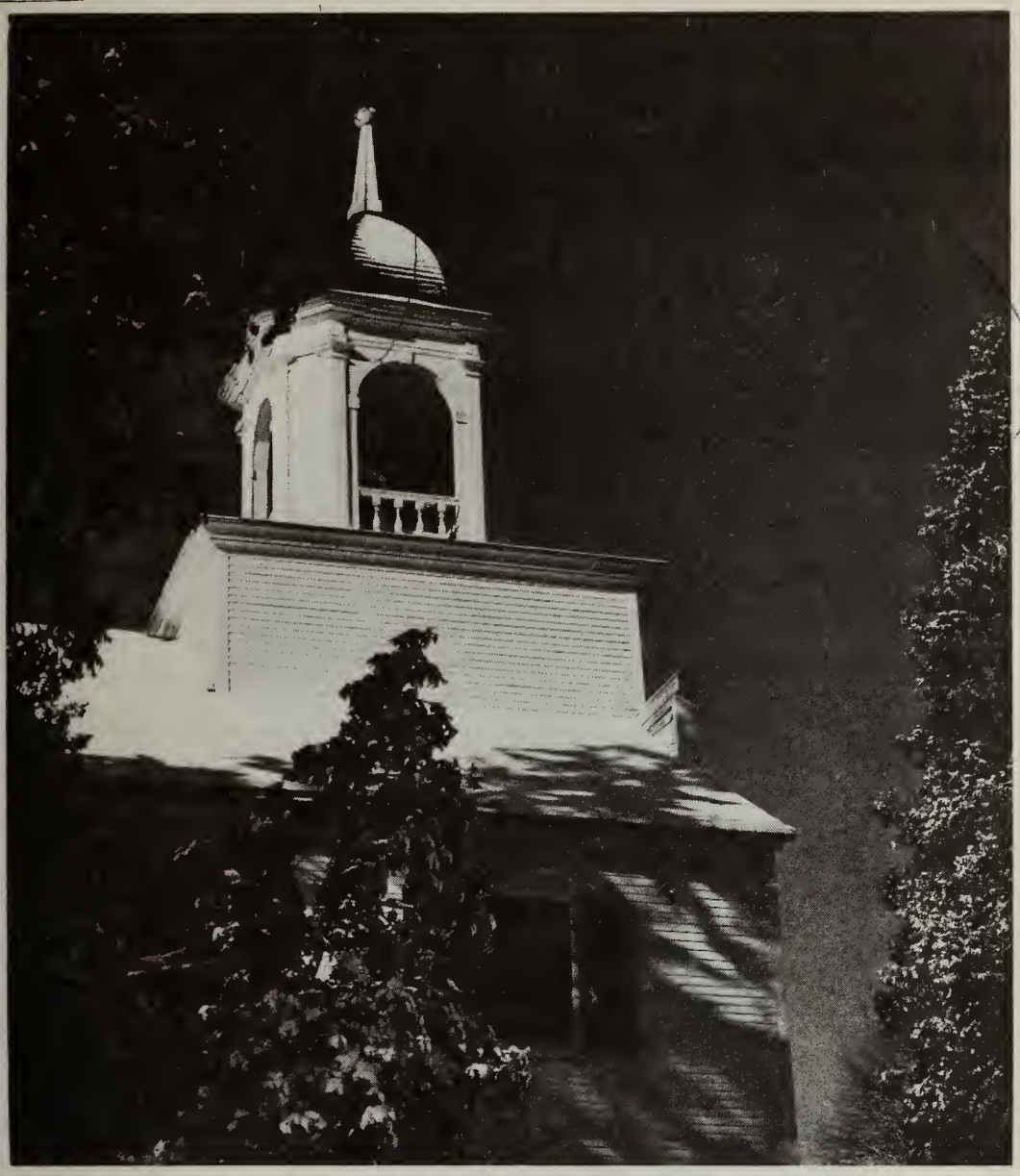

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TOWN OFFICERS
1976-1977

TOWN CLERK
Marcia Whitehouse

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
Christina Fernald

SELECTMEN
Peter Gamester, 2 years
Arthur T. Learnard, 1 year
Margaret H. Harrington, 3 years

TREASURER
Charles W. Clark

AUDITOR
Margaret O'Connor

COLLECTOR OF TAXES
I. Elizabeth Priestley

CHIEF OF POLICE
Stanley M. Pridham

ROAD AGENT
Richard Tabbutt

TOWN HISTORIAN
Janet Macomber

HEALTH OFFICER
Frank M. Gvozdenovic, M.D.

FIRE WARDENS
Richard White, 2 years
Charles Petlick, 1 year
Walter Glidden, 3 years

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS

Lois T. Page George S. Pitts
John B. Cabana
Richard Tabbutt - Sewer Superintendent
Thomas W. Golter - Water Superintendent

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Ivory Kimball, 3 years
Leonard N. Rhoades, 2 years
Douglas Woodward, 1 year

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Richard W. Groton, 2 years Ivory G. Kimball, 3 years
Robert Kennedy, 1 year

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Carolyn Baker, 1 year Donna Theobald, 2 years
Virginia Klotz, 3 years

MODERATOR

Richard W. Groton

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Jacqueline Stewart Pauline Harris
Walter S. Gray

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Henry Greenberg, 3 years Ivory G. Kimball, 2 years
Reginald E. Whitehouse, 1 year
Kathleen McDonough Gray, 5 years
Richard W. Groton, 4 years
Alternates
Brooks Kennedy Anne Jane Finn

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Brothwell, 1 year
Howell Russell, 5 years
Margaret Hartford, 5 years George Pitts, 3 years
Judy Sawyer, 4 years Carter Ruggles, 2 years
Ex-Officio, Peter Gamester

RECREATION COMMISSION

Michael Riffe ..... Shirley Holt III
William Snyder..... Harry Ward
Debra Schulte ..... Pamela Cullen
Ex-Officio, Arthur T. Learned

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Raymond O. Burzynski ..... Philip P. Finn
Marie Tremblay ..... Carol Olson
Barbara Rowland
Ex-Officio, Margaret H. Harrington

MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

Lucille LaRose ..... Raymond O. Burzynski
Ex-Officio, Margaret H. Harrington

MEMBERS OF SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Raymond O. Burzynski, Nov. 1980
Margaret M. Hartford,May 1978

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

Members of Rye, Portsmouth and New Castle

Senate District 24
Eileen Foley, Portsmouth

Representative District Rockingham 17
Margaret M. Hartford, New Castle
Elizabeth Greene, Rye ..... Meliss A. Appel, Rye

TOWN BUILDING INSPECTOR

Peter Gamester

ARCHIVES AND RECORD COMMISSION

Janet Macomber ..... Frederick White
Geraldine Woodward..... Mary White
Anna White ..... Cynthia Thomas

BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Until March 1978 Town Meeting)

Donald A. Moore ..... Louis Klotz, School Board
Frederick White..... Margaret H. Harrington, Selectman
Geraldine Woodward

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Until March 1978 Town Meeting)

Judith Sawyer ..... Jack Beard
Charles Petlick ..... Andrew Schulte
Reginald Whitehouse

ACTION ON ARTICLES

OF TOWN MEETING 1977

ARTICLE 5 1 percent for real estate taxes paid within reasonable time. PASSED

ARTICLE 6 If the Town would accept Town Road Aid from the State for construction of Town roads. PASSED

ARTICLE 7 $200.00 to continue membership in the New Hampshire Municipal Association. PASSED

ARTICLE 8 $300.00 to support the aid given New Castle residents by the Area Homemaker-Home Health Aide Service. PASSED

ARTICLE 9 $528.60 to finance studies to be conducted by the Southeastern N.H. Regional Planning Commission. PASSED

ARTICLE 10 $1,087.50 to provide home nursing service by the Portsmouth Community Health Services, Inc. PASSED

ARTICLE 11 $250.00 to be used by the Archives and Record Committee for further restoration of ancient Town Records. PASSED

ARTICLE 12 $950.00 for the support of the Seacoast Regional Counseling Center. PASSED

ARTICLE 13 $3,198.95 represented payment for time due and not taken by former Police Chief Henry Greenberg. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 155 NO 122

ARTICLE 14 $1,200.00 to hook up the Town Hall and new fire station to the new sewer. PASSED

ARTICLE 15 $5,895.37 for use as a set off against budgeted appropriations of the Police Department. (Revenue Sharing Funds) PASSED

ARTICLE 16 To authorize the Treasurer, with approval of Selectmen to appoint a Deputy Town Treasurer. PASSED

ARTICLE 17 $500.00 to fund labor, equipment, and materials to conduct a Mosquito Breeding Site Survey during summer of 1977. PASSED

ARTICLE 18 $1,000.00 to move the fire alarm system to the new fire station. PASSED

ARTICLE 19 To adopt Provisions of N.H. RSA 252, except paragraph 19 in regard to appointment of Sewer Commissioners.

ARTICLE 20 To discontinue Water District and reorganize under Public Works Dept. and combine the Sewer District activities. PASSED WITH AN AMENDMENT TO ADD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE 21 $57,325.00 for replacing the existing water lines on Cape Road and Oliver Street with 8 inch water lines. BALLOT VOTE AND NEEDED A 2/3 MAJORITY TO PASS. DID NOT PASS YES 177 NO 108

ARTICLE 22 $2,500.00 to correct drainage of storm water from lands behind Town Hall and fire station in cooperation with the New Castle Congregational Church. PASSED

ARTICLE 23 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 1. as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 186 NO 68

ARTICLE 24 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 155 NO 97

ARTICLE 25 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 183 NO 69

ARTICLE 26 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 181 NO 69

ARTICLE 27 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 180 NO 68

ARTICLE 28 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 185 NO 65

ARTICLE 29 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 183 NO 66

ARTICLE 30 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 170 NO 79

ARTICLE 31 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE YES 159 NO 90

ARTICLE 32 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 174 NO 76

ARTICLE 33 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 181 NO 70

ARTICLE 34 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 163 NO 85

ARTICLE 35 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 171 NO 73

ARTICLE 36 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 159 NO 91

ARTICLE 37 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 15 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 165 NO 81

ARTICLE 38 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 16 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 158 NO 86

ARTICLE 39 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 17 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 176 NO 70

ARTICLE 40 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amend. 18 as proposed by the Planning Board as indicated in warrant. BALLOT VOTE PASSED YES 137 NO 112

ARTICLE 41 To support the wishes of the voters of Seabrook, N.H. not to allow a nuclear plant in Seabrook. TABLED

ARTICLE 42 $2,600.00 to be used to purchase a new tractor and mower for use at the Great Island Common. PASSED

ARTICLE 43 To adopt the optional fiscal year running from January 1st of the calendar year following adoption and ending June thirthieth of the next following year; thereafter accounting periods from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. PASSED

ARTICLE 44 To adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law. SECRET BALLOT VOTE TOTAL VOTES CAST 101 YES 69 NO 32 PASSED

ARTICLE 45 If the vote of the foregoing is affirmative, a set number of members-at-large would be three. PASSED

ARTICLE 46 If the votes of the two preceeding articles are affirmative the Town Moderator would appoint the said

members-at-large of the Budget Comm. PASSED WITH AN AMENDMENT OF THREE APPOINTED MEMBERS UNTIL NEXT TOWN MEETING, ALSO THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS BEING: THREE APPOINTED MEMBERS, PLUS ONE SELECTMAN AND A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

ARTICLE 47 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. It was noted that the "Following article was inadvertently omitted in the Town Warrant for March 8, 1877: To see if the Town will vote to put the balance now in the Bicentennial Commission's treasury into a Trust Fund under the town jurisdiction, for care and upkeep of the Bicentennial Memorial Park with the suggested committee in charge: John B. Cabana, Chairman, Mildred Hayden and George Bridle. PASSED.

RESOLUTION WAS PASSED: "To commend and show appreciation of the Selectmen of New Castle for their individual efforts during the year 1976, during which they patiently delt with not only Town business, but the added burden of Sewer Construction."

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL LETTER — 1977

This past year has been a busy one for the Selectmen and various Town Departments. With the increase in business it was necessary to have the Town Clerk's office open every morning until noon plus the Thursday night schedule.

Several new Committees became really active, namely; The Mosquito Commission composed of 3 members, the Conservation, 5 members, the Public Works Department composed of the Sewer Superintendent, Water Superintendent and Road Agent, the Budget Committee, 5 members and the Town Building Committee, 5 members.

The Budget Committee has reviewed the requests of all departments and we feel they have done an excellent job for their first year. A lot of hours and thought was put into this budget, we feel that it was given a more thorough study than ever before in New Castle. Probably the most important change this year is the change to the optional fiscal year, June 30, 1978 to July 1, 1979, so voted per Article #43 in 1976 Town Warrant. We will be working on an 18 month budget for one time only. The additional 6 month monies will have to be raised by taxes, or we may borrow for up to twenty years. You will be asked to vote which way you prefer.

The Public Works Department is off to a good start and we feel this move will benefit the Town. As in any new venture, it is going to take time to iron out all of the "bugs". This committee is working hard at a new bookkeeping system, and a totally new operation, mainly the new sewer. Hopefully by next summer we will have this operation in fine shape.

The Town Sewer is in operation, the construction portion is now complete, with the exception of punch list items and clean up work in several areas of the Town. At this time we cannot give any final completion costs until the contractor finishes his contract. The final figures are only estimates. We are now involved in legal action to insure this will be completed and completed correctly.

The Town Building Committee did an outstanding job this year. Their report is the result of many long hours of

meetings and fact gathering. We hope yuu will read it closely so you can check the ballot for how you want us to proceed.

There are several warrant items that were approved at past Town Meetings that have not proved feasible. We feel we should not hold these monies any longer.

1. Article 34 - 1972 Town Meeting $1,498.50 Shaw Circle drainage, necessary easements could not be obtained.

2. Article 24 - 1976 Town Meeting $1,400.00 for recycling bins. No place to put them and no one to police them.

3. Article 42 - 1972 Town Meeting $2,600.00 new tractor, we will not need this at this time. But may come back at a later date with this item.

The Town has openings on several committees. We find it harder and harder each year to find people interested in-serving. These committees are here to serve the townspeople and without your help they cannot function properly. If you are interested in working on any of these committees or any particular job please let us know.

The Tax Map is complete and available for inspection in the Town Clerk's office, during the hours of 9:00-12:00 noon daily. We would like to request when a resident moves away to notify the Town Clerk in order to keep the town records more accurate. Also we urge every household to pick-up any trash on the street in front of their property. New Castle is a scenic town; let's keep it free of litter.

We would like to thank the various committees and individuals who have helped make this past year go so smoothly. We certainly appreciated all the hours that they have given to our Town. In last year's report, we meant to say "Thank You" to George Pitts and we never said a word. George put in countless hours before, during and after the sewer project. He was a tremendous help to us. So at this time we will say it. Thank you, George, for a job well done.

We regret the resignation of the Chairman of Selectmen, Col. Arthur T. Learnard, and are indeed grateful to him for his concerted efforts on behalf of the Town of New Castle.

Peter Gamester
Margaret H. Harrington
Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Arthur T. Learnard	$1,191.65
Margaret H. Harrington	1,200.00
Peter Gamester	1,200.00
Marcia L. Whitehouse	800.00
Christina J. Fernald	200.00
Eugene Morrill	400.00
Charles W. Clark (1)	745.00
William Priestley	407.66
I. Elizabeth Priestley	1,092.34
Judith Sawyer	850.00
Stanley M. Pridham	8,549.92
Richard A. Henderson	4,208.30
Richard C. Tabbutt	1,000.00
Dr. Frank M. Gvozdenovic	25.00
Reginald E. Whitehouse	350.00
Jacqueline Stewart	50.00
Walter Gray	50.00
Pauline Harris	50.00
Richard W. Groton (2)	80.00
Ivory Kimball	50.00
Robert Kennedy	50.00

Note

(1) Auditor for 1976 and Treasurer 1977
(2) Moderator and Cemetery Trustee

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1977

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Avail. Total	Expended	Unexpended	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	$8,625.00	$9,191.65	$8,755.65	436.00	
Town Officers' Expenses & Art. 7 & 11, Town Meeting 1977	7,450.00	7,483.77	6,799.69	684.08	
Election & Registration	750.00	750.00	730.45	19.55	
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,398.64	301.36	
Employees' Retirement & S.S.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,143.58		143.58
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	838.00	162.00	
Property Reappraisal	1,000.00	1,000.00	373.55	626.45	
Police Dept. and Art. 13, Town Meeting 1977	24,038.95	24,705.61	20,587.08	4,118.53	
Fire Dept.	8,980.00	10,040.00	8,656.05	1,383.95	
Insurance	6,500.00	10,272.50	10,398.00		125.50
Planning & Zoning and Art. 9 Town Meeting 1977	1,528.60	1,996.35	1,290.60	705.75	
Damages & Legal Fees	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,076.56	423.44	
Health Dept. & Art. 8,10,12 & 17, Town Meeting 1977	3,787.50	3,787.50	2,837.50	950.00	
Town Maintenance (Summer & Winter)	18,000.00	18,149.00	20,148.91		1,999.91
Street Lighting	5,500.00	5,881.81	4,598.27	1,238.54	
Town Road Aid	42.01	42.01	42.01		
Library	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00		
Public Welfare	600.00	600.00	1,244.11		644.11

Recreation					
(Parks & Playgrounds)	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,965.93	1,034.07	
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Garbage Removal	15,000.00	15,784.79	12,990.54	2,794.25	
P.W.D. Sewer (Initial Start-Up)	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00		
Principal-Long Term Notes & Bonds	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00		
Interest-Long Term Notes & Bonds	5,357.50	5,357.50	5,389.60		32.10
Interest on Temporary Loans	11,708.34	11,708.34	12,015.01		306.67
Capital Outlay					
52. Land & Buildings, Art. 18, Town Meeting 1977(Fire Alarm)	1,000.00	1,000.00	157.91	842.09	
52. Land & Buildings,Art. 14, Town Meeting 1977,(Town Hall Sewer)	1,200.00	1,200.00	0	1,200.00	
52. Land & Buildings-Art. 22, Town Meeting 1977(Town Hall Drainage)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,132.01	367.99	
53. New Equipment-Art. 42, Town Meeting 1977(Tractor)	2,600.00	2,600.00	0	2,600.00	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds					
Town Meeting 1977-Budget Item (Road Improvements)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
TOTAL	$199,667.90	207,550.83	$190,869.65	$19,933.05	$3,251.87

Totals	
Total Unexpended Balance	$19,933.05
Total Overdrafts	3,251.87
Net Unexpended Balance	$16,681.18

FINANCIAL REPORT
Assets, Liabilities, Receipts and Payments
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer		
First National Bank of Portsmouth		
Federal Revenue Sharing Acct.	$6,607.54	
Reserve Acct.	13,757.62	
Great Island Common Acct.	6,524.19	
General Fund Checking Acct.	172,171.09	
Public Works Checking Acct.	7,993.33	
Portsmouth Savings Bank		
Public Works Savings Acct.	5,985.94	
New England Merchants Bank, Boston		
Sewer Construction Savings Acct.	23,602.68	
TOTAL		236,642.39
Bonds or Long Term Notes		
Authorized - Unissued	0	
Capital Reserve Funds: (RSA, Chapter 35)		
For Capital Improvements to Great Island Common	6524.19	
(Included in above cash report)		
TOTAL	0	
Accounts Due Town		
Due from U.S.A. - E.P.A. Sewer Construction Funds (Est.)	144,800.00	
Other Bills Due Town:		
Pitt Construction Co.	2,893.82	
Public Works Dept. Bills	6,724.12	
TOTAL		154,417.94
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1977	45,510.81	
Including Res. Taxes.	610.00	
Levy of 1976	1,563.64	

Levy of 1975	1,189.25	
Previous Years	70.00	
TOTAL		48,943.70
TOTAL ASSETS		440,004.03
Current Surplus Dec. 31, 1976	54,184.56	
Current Surplus Dec. 31, 1977	41,006.59	
Increase - Decrease of Surplus		
Change in Financial Condition		13,177.97

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding		12,259.56
Unexpended Balances of		
Special appropriations		
Article 34,		
Town Meeting 1972	1,498.50	
Article 19,		
Town Meeting 1974	150.00	
Article 32,		
Town Meeting 1974	968.00	
Article 18,		
Town Meeting 1975	2,500.00	
Article 19,		
Town Meeting 1976	1,400.00	
Article 24,		
Town Meeting 1976	6,000.00	
Article 25,		
Town Meeting 1976	500.00	
Budget Appropriation 1977		
Police Dept. Budget 1977		
Article 14,		
Town Meeting 1976	2,217.00	
Article 14,		
Town Meeting 1977	1,200.00	
Article 18,		
Town Meeting 1977	842.09	

Article 42, Town Meeting 1977	2,600.00	
TOTAL		19,875.59
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	4,390.54	
School District Tax Payable	154,084.54	
Other Liabilities		
Sewer Construction Authorization 1,500,000.00 Less Amount Spent 1,347,149.66	152,850.34	
Unexpended Sewer Bond and E.P.A. Funds	23,602.68	
State of N.H. Water Pollution Control Funds Received in 1977	19,410.00	
TOTAL		354,338.10
Capital Reserve Funds		12,524.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES		398,997.44
Current Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)		41,006.59
GRAND TOTAL		440,004.03

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
(Collected and remitted to Treasurer)	
Property Taxes — 1977	$267,741.31
Resident Taxes — 1977	4,400.00
Nat't. Bank Stock Taxes	303.39
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	$272,444.70
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years	44,972.97

Resident Taxes - Previous Years		320.00
Interest Received on Delinquent Taxes		1,993.89
Penalties - Resident Taxes		60.00
From State:		
Highway Subsidy		3,410.31
Interest and Dividends Tax		54,564.34
Savings Bank Tax		3,276.57
Meals and Rooms Tax		5,793.98
Business Profits Tax		451.08
Police State Gasoline Tax Refund		205.44
State Water Pollution Control		19,410.00
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		429.20
Bus. Licenses, permits & filing fees		429.50
Interest Received on deposits		811.37
Income from departments		7.00
Income from parking tickets		1,940.32
Motor vehicle permits		19,985.00
Public Works Department Receipts		19,049.23
Sewer maintenance appropriation		11,000.00
Total Current Revenue Receipts		**460,554.90**
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Procceds of Tax Antic. Notes	60,000.00	
Refunds - Transfers	8,416.67	
New Trust Funds Received		
Grants From U.S.A.		
Revenue Sharing Funds	3,799.00	
Interest on Revenue Sharing Funds	591.54	
Water Pollution Aid A-C Sewer Construction	114,300.00	
Proceeds Sewer Bond Issue	645,600.00	
All Other Receipts:		

P.W.D. Reimbursement	464.80	
Insurance Adjustment	294.00	
Recreation Grant	25.88	
Interest on Sewer Const. Funds	8,545.27	
Police Insurance Reports	52.00	
Use of Dump by Hotel	500.00	
Reimbursement by Dept.	1,872.54	
Contribution to Town Poor Acct.	675.39	
Recreation Commission G.I.C.	1,200.00	
Court Report	15.00	
Church Payment for Drainage	637,94.	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		$846,990.03
Non Income Receipts:		
Insurance Rebate		199.00
Early Payment on Tax Note		20.00
Refund on Cruiser Costs		43.00
Total Employee Withholding		5,166.28
Total Receipts From All Sources:		1,312,973.21
Cash on Hand January 1, 1977		573,284.16
GRAND TOTAL		1,886,257.37

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	8,755.65	
Town officers' expenses Incl. Art. 7 & 11, ATM 1977	6,799.69	
Election & Regist. exp.	730.45	
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	2,398.64	
Reappraisal of Property	373.55	
Protection of Persons & Property:		

Police department	
Incl. Art 13, ATM 1977	20,587.08
Fire department	8,656.05
Planning & Zoning	
Incl. Art 9, ATM 1977	1,290.60
Insurance	10,398.00
Health:	
Health department	
Incl. Art. 8, 10, 12 & 17, ATM 1977	2,837.50
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	12,990.54
Highway & Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	42.01
Town Maintenance	
Summer	5,378.96
Winter	14,769.95
Street Lighting	4,598.27
Libraries:	3,800.00
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	4.45
Town Poor	1,239.66
Recreation:	
Parks & Playgrounds	8,965.93
Public Service Enterprises:	
Public Works	
Water & Sewer	16,778.35
Cemeteries	500.00
Sewer	
Initial Operation Exp.	11,000.00
Unclassified	
Damages & Legal expenses	3,076.56

Discounts, Abatemts. & Refunds (taxes)	1,438.59	
Employee's Retire. & Social Security	2,143.58	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses Contingencies	838.00	
Non-Expense Items	10,409.07	
Refunds other than Taxes	29.50	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		160,830.63
Debt Service:		
Interest on Dept:		
Tax Anticipation Note	1,306.67	
Sewer Construction Bond Anticipation & Federal Grant Ant.	10,708.34	
Long Term Notes	2,592.10	
Bonds	2,797.50	
Total Interest Payments		17,404.61
Principal of Debt:		
Tax Anticipation Note		60,000.00
Sewer Construction:		
Bond Anticipation Note		450,000.00
Fed. Grant Antic. Note		350,000.00
Long Term Notes:		
Fire Truck (Final)		4,000.00
Sewer Design (1978)		13,000.00
Fire Station (1979)		7,000.00
Bonds:		
1960 Water Issue (1980)		2,000.00
1970 Water Issue (1981)		10,000.00
Total Principal Payments		896,000.00
Capital Outlay:		
Sewer Construction	369,468.32	
Land and Buildings	3,204.92	
New Equipment	1,519.26	
Payments to Capital Reserve	3,000.00	
Tax Maps	5,161.25	
Total Outlay Payments		382,353.75

Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
County Taxes	31,634.88	
School District	161,391.11	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions:		193,025.99
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES:		1,649,614.98
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977		236,642.39
GRAND TOTAL		1,886,257.37

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
As of December 31, 1977, June 30, 1977

	Purpose of Issue	Amount	
1. Long Term Notes Outstanding:			
Serial Notes of March 1, 1973 First National Bank	Fire Truck	0	
Serial Notes of March 15, 1974 First National Bank	Sewer Design	$13,000.00	
Serial Notes of June 20, 1975 First National Bank	Fire Station	$14,000.00	
2. Total Long Term Notes Outstanding			$27,000.00
3. Bonds Outstanding			
1960 Water Bonds, First National Bank	Water	6,000.00	
1970 Water Bonds,N.E. Merchants Bank	Water	40,000.00	
1977 Sewer Bonds, Farmers Home Association	Sewer	645,600.00	
4. Total Bonds Outstanding			691,600.00

5. Total Long Term Indebtedness- December31, 1977 June 30, 1977		718,600.00
Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness		
Outstanding Long Term-December 31, 1976 June 30, 1977		727,600.00
Total		727,600.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year		
a. Long Term Notes Paid	24,000.00	
b. Bonds Paid	12,000.00	
Total		36,000.00
Outstanding Long Term Debt December 31, 1977 June 30, 1977		$691,600.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Inventory of Non-Taxable Town Property

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$105,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,800.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	34,400.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Police Department Equipment	8,950.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings (Old and New)	37,000.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Highway Department Equipment	3,400.00
Materials and Supplies	2,300.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	439,060.00
Water Supply Facilities	275,133.00
Tools & Equipment Dept. of Public Works	1,655.00
Sewer lines and Pumping Stations	784,455.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	114,350.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Congregational Church	123,550.00
TOTAL	$1,998,050.00

Inventories of Taxable Property

Number of Inventories Distributed	417
Number of Inventories Returned	319
Number of Veterans Receiving Property Tax Deductions	114
Number of Veteran's Widows Receiving $700.00 Tax Reductions	4
Number of Veteran's Widows Exempted From Residence Tax	8
Elderly Exemptions	12
Summary of Inventory:	
Lands	8,432,630.00
Buildings	8,622,840.00
Electric Utility	106,352.00
Boats	3,488.50
Total Exemptions	158,300.00
TOTAL VALUATION	$17,323,610.50

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

1977 Town Appropriations	$199,667.90
Less Town Revenues and Credits	132,151.59
New Town Appropriations	67,516.31
Net School Appropriations	214,084.54
County Tax Assessment	31,634.88
Total of Town, School & County Approp.	313,235.73
Deduct Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement	450.00
Add War Service Credits	8,300.00
Add Overlay	3,516.39
Property Tax to be Raised	324,602.12
Less War Credits	8,300.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	316,302.12
Net Valuation for Tax Purposes at Tax Rate of $19.40 per thousand	

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Gamester
Margaret H. Harrington
Selectmen

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
1977

CASH RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle Permits	$19,985.00	
Dog Licenses	466.00	
Filing Fees	7.00	
		$20,458.00
Less: Clerk's fees - Dog Licenses		36.80
		$20,421.20

PAYMENT TO TREASURER

Motor Vehicle Permits	$19,985.00	
Dog Licenses	429.20	
Filing Fees	7.00	
		$20,421.20

Parking Tickets	$1,940.32	
Building Permits	345.00	
Bicycle Registrations	11.50	
Insurance Report Fees	48.00	
Pistol Permits	6.00	
		$2,350.82

Marcia L. Whitehouse
Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1977

—DR—

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$315,838.17	
Resident Taxes	4,940.00	
Nat'L. Bank Stock Taxes	306.20	
Yield Taxes	0.00	
Totals Warrants		$321,084.37
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	119.00	
Resident Taxes	210.00	
		329.00
Interest Collected on property taxes		0.00
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		28.00
		$321,441.37

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$267,741.31	
Resident Taxes	4,400.00	
Nat'L. Bank Stock Taxes	303.39	
Penalties on Res. Taxes	28.00	
Int. on Property Taxes	0.00	
		$272,472.70

Discounts Allowed	2,601.81	
Abatements made during year:		
Property Taxes	106.05	
Resident Taxes	140.00	
		$2,847.86

Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1977		
As per Collector Lists		
Property Taxes	$45,510.81	
Resident Taxes	610.00	
Yield Taxes	0.00	
		$46,120.81
Total Credits		$321,441.37

Uncollected Taxes
1977 Delinquent Property Taxpayers

Donald Chase	$536.56
Fanny Diehl	3,271.80
William Drew	289.75
William Drew	332.50
Joan Dwyer (Pd in Jan.)	796.10
Harold & Katherine Frampton	622.25
M. Meneghin & B. French	951.90
M. Meneghin & B. French	721.50
Margaret Frobisher	1,215.05
Wm. & Alexandria Gebow (Pd in Jan.)	520.95
Roberta Grey	363.85
R. Zimmerman & K. Hasting	166.25
Shirley Holt III	975.65
Joseph & Grace LeBlanc	947.15
D. & R. Margeson	357.20
Alfred Meloon	252.70
Wm. & M. OConnor	715.70
Owner/Owners Unknown	63.65
Morris Pridham	7.00
Leona Redfield	319.20

R. & D. Reed	741.95
R. & D. Reed	1,067.80
R. & D. Scobie (Pd in Jan.)	634.60
W. & P. Semprini	435.10
Kay Spear	371.45
Paul Tessier	1,310.05
A. & V. Thyng	366.10
Wentworth Hotel Inc.	8,529.10
Wentworth Hotel Inc.	16,702.90
Wentworth Hotel Inc. (Pd in Jan.)	1,330.00
Wentworth Hotel Inc.	342.95
Mary Woodman	252.10
TOTAL	$45,510.81

1977 Delinquent Resident Taxpayers

Gordon R. Allen	$10.00
Eric G. Aspen	10.00
Kenneth Aspen	10.00
Kenneth Blessing	10.00
Dorothy S. Carter	10.00
Jonathan Carter	10.00
Paul Clark	10.00
Connie Clark	10.00
Carroll N. Colby	10.00
Anita Colby	10.00
FinTan Connell	10.00
Albert D'Antonio	10.00
Patricia D'Antonio	10.00
Michael D'Antonio (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Patrick D'Antonio	10.00
Joseph Diament	10.00
Robert Dysinger	10.00
Helen Dysinger	10.00
Peter Flewelling	10.00
Phoebe Flewelling	10.00
Marc Frampton	10.00
Dale Foster	10.00
Carol Foster	10.00

Royce Foster	10.00
Josephine Grady	10.00
Katherine Hasting	10.00
John Hodgdon	10.00
Greta Hodgdon	10.00
Donald Johnson	10.00
Karen Johnson	10.00
John R. Knight Jr.	10.00
Alan G. Lafley	10.00
Sarah Lafley	10.00
Joseph LaMarca III	10.00
Irene LaMarca	10.00
John LaRose (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Linda LaRose (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Ellen Leonard	10.00
Shirley Miles	10.00
Carl G. Munro	10.00
Essie Munro	10.00
Raymond Owsley	10.00
Richard Pitrone	10.00
Mary Pitrone	10.00
Hal R. Pitts	10.00
Richard Reed	10.00
Deborah Reed	10.00
Harry Ross III	10.00
Thomas C. Roy	10.00
Timothy H. Roy	10.00
Michele Sanner	10.00
Jeffrey Smith	10.00
Norman Snook (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Charles Spear	10.00
Kay Spear (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Philip Tapley (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Janice Tapley (Pd in Jan.)	10.00
Lisetle Thomas	10.00
Harry Ward	10.00
Judith Ward	10.00
Richard Williams	10.00
Total	$610.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1976

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1977		
Property Taxes	$45,523.53	
Resident Taxes	570.00	
Yield Taxes	None	
		$46,093.53
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	None	
Resident Taxes	$10.00	
		$10.00
Interest collected on Prop. Taxes	$1,652.70	
Penalties collected on Res. Taxes	32.00	
		$1,684.70
TOTAL DEBITS		$47,788.23

—CR

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31, 1977		
Property Taxes	$43,895.87	
Resident Taxes	320.00	
Int. Collected during year	1,652.70	
Penalties on Res. Taxes	32.00	
		$45,900.57

Abatements made during year		
Property Taxes	$64.02	
Resident Taxes	260.00	
		$324.02

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977		
As per Collector's List		
Property Taxes	$1,563.64	
Resident Taxes	None	
Yield Taxes	None	
		$1,563.64
TOTAL CREDITS		$47,788.23

1976 Uncollected Property Taxes		
Margaret Frobisher	$1,240.63	
Alfred Meloon	258.02	
Owner or Owners Unknown	64.99	
		$1,563.64

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1975

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1977		
Property Taxes	$1,305.40	
Resident Taxes	None	
Yield Taxes	None	
		$1,305.40

Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	None	
Resident Taxes	None	
Interest collected during year		
Property Taxes		139.16
TOTAL DEBITS		$1,444.56

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31, 1977		
Property Taxes	$55.85	
Interest collected during year	139.16	
		$195.01
Abatement made during year		
Property Tax		60.30
Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1977 as per Collector List		1,189.25
Total Credits		$1444.56

1975 Uncollected Property Taxes	
Margaret Frobisher (Bal. due)	$1,095.25
Morris Pridham	94.00
	$1,189.25

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY TAXES
Levy of 1974

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1977		
Property Taxes	$1,029.25	
Int. collected during year	198.03	
TOTAL DEBITS		$1,227.28

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1977		
Property Taxes	$959.25	
Interest collected during year	198.03	
		$1,157.28
Uncollected Property for 1974		
Morris B. Pridham		70.00
TOTAL CREDITS		$1,227.28

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY TAXES
Levy of 1973

—DR—

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1977		
Property Tax	$62.00	
Interest collected during year	4.00	
TOTAL DEBITS		$66.00

—CR—

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31, 1977		
Property Taxes	$62.00	
Interest Collected	4.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		$66.00

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above list showing the Names and Amount due from each delinquent tax payer, as of December 31, 1977 on account of the levy of 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1977 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I. ELIZABETH PRIESTLEY
Collector of Taxes

TREASURERS' REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING		
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		$13,612.37
Receipts		
Interest	591.54	
U.S. Treasurer	3,799.00	4,390.54
		$18,002.91
Less Selectmens' Orders Pd.		11,395.37
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977		6,607.54
RESERVE ACCOUNT		
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		$11,781.88
Receipts		
Interest	538.99	
Transfers from Gen. Fund	3,838.75	4,377.74
		$16,159.62
Payments		2,402.00
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977		$13,757.62
GREAT ISLAND COMMON		
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977		$5,064.56
Receipts		
Interest	259.63	
New Castle Rec. Comm.	1,200.00	1,459.63
		$6,524.19
Payments — None		
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977		6,524.19

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Clark
Town Treasurer

January 18, 1978

NEW CASTLE, N.H.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS — FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	PRINCIPAL NEW FUNDS CREATED	BALANCE END YEAR
Cemetery Funds:						
Various	Various	Cemetery Perpetual Care	1	$19,524.00	$1,650.00(2)	$21,174.00
Totals A/C Cemetery Funds				$19,524.00	$1,650.00	$21,174.00
Library Funds:						
1/12/28	Elizabeth T.C. Rand	Book Fund	3	$5,000.00		$5,000.00
1/31/67	J. Ben Hart	Book Fund	3	$1,000.00	$104.73*	$1,104.73
8/7/67	Helen E. Baketel	Book Fund	3	$1,015.00		$1,015.00
4/29/70	Gladys H. Barker	Book Fund	1	300.00		$300.00
Totals A/C Library Funds				$7,315.00	$104.73	$7,419.73
Miscellaneous Fund:						
3/6/72	Andree Marchand	Beautification Great Island Common	1	$1,375.00		$1,375.00
4/1/77	Bicentennial Fund	Care of Bicentennial Park	1		$104.05 (2)* $719.14	$823.19
		Totals		$28,214.00	$2,577.92	$30,791.92

(1) Common Trust Funds, part at 7 ½% and part at 7 ¾% in Portsmouth Savings Bank, Portsmouth Trust Co. and Piscataqua Savings Bank.
(2) Portsmouth Savings Bank at 5¼% interest.
(3) Portsmouth Trust Co. at 6¾% interest.
* Additions to existing funds.

INCOME—EXPENSE

FUND	BALANCE JAN. 1, 1977	INCOME 1977	EXPENDED 1977	BALANCE 12/31/77
Cemetery Funds	$7193.95	$1753.12	$1382.00	$7565.07
Library Funds				
Rand	0	$342.46	$342.46	0
Hart	0	$74.56	$74.56	0
Baketel	0	$69.54	$69.54	0
Barker	0	$19.18	$19.18	0
Library Funds Totals	0	$505.74	$505.74	0
Miscellaneous Funds				
Marchand	$220.54	$101.74	0	$322.28
Bicentennial	0	34.22	0	34.22
Totals All Funds	$7414.49	$2394.82	$1887.74	$7921.57
Current Cash, Portsmouth Trust		23.43	6.00	509.45

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

IVORY G. KIMBALL
DOUGLAS R. WOODWARD
LEONARD N. RHOADES
TRUSTEES

DATE: January 28, 1978

AUDITOR'S REPORT
1977

Auditor's Report for fiscal year ending 1977 is incomplete and will not be available for the deadline of publication. However, full audit report for this period will be made available in the next annual Town Report.

Margaret O'Connor

NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES REPORT

The thrust of this year's library program has been toward purchasing new volumes, which in part has been made possible by generous contributions of financial gifts as well as books. These are greatly appreciated. The Library now has available the new Random House Encyclopedia along with additional adult selections and children's books.

The plumbing and sewer improvements funded through Revenue Sharing Funds are complete.

Programs included Library Week displays by the Maude Trefethen School children and a most successful summer reading program for the youngsters. The Trustees and Friends of the Library were particularly pleased to host an author's reception on the occasion of the publication of Miss Louise Grant's THE FORT AND THE FLAG. The Trustees were happy to offer the library facilities to the Bicentennial Committee for their recognition tea and any other residents interested in using the library building should contact the librarian for scheduling.

The State Library continues to serve us through our affiliation with the state-wide library system. We wish to remind residents they may use the library telephone in requesting books and renewals. Volunteers from the Friends of the Library will deliver books to those unable to get to the library.

The Trustees want to take this opportunity to thank retiring librarian Mrs. Margaret O'Connor for her years of dedicated service to the library and people of New Castle. We are pleased to announce that assistant librarian Mrs. Deborah Schulte has accepted the position of librarian.

1977 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash on Hand December 31, 1976		
Checking Account	793.53	
Savings Account	1676.71	
Cash on Hand	3.30	
Total		2473.54
Receipts for 1977		
Town Appropriation	3800.00	
Trust Fund Interest	505.74	
Savings Interest	91.63	
Fines	75.99	
Gifts	195.00	
Book Sale Receipts	98.82	
Total		4767.18
TOTAL		7240.72
Expenditures for 1977		
Salaries	1973.55	
Taxes (Employer FICA)	115.26	
Electricity	135.35	
Water & Sewer	38.25	
Telephone	171.71	
Fuel Oil	620.79	
Books	1179.68	
Postage & Supplies	104.21	
Upkeep	186.00	
Milage	37.44	
Equipment	96.48	
Misc.	23.89	
Total		4682.61
Balance December 31,1977		2558.11
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977		
Checking Account	689.77	
Checking Account	100.00	
Savings Account	1768.34	
Total		2558.11

NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rockingham County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States and with the rise in population we are experiencing a rapid rise in crime, Burglary and Crimes against Property are those with the largest increase.

In May of 1977, a second full time man was appointed to the New Castle Police Department, Officer Richard A. Henderson has earned his Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Saint Anselm's and will attend the New Hampshire Police Academy in January and February 1978 to further prepare him for his career in police work, I am very pleased to have him with me and am sure he will be an asset to your Police Department.

In the not too distant future, our town will have to decide whether to continue, as we have in the past, with our part time patrol coverage which until now has proven adequate, or to increase our coverage through more full time officers or special police. This move will increase the department budget but may be less costly in the long run as this type of crime becomes a reality in our town.

Although visible and frequent patrols are a proven deterrent, they cannot guarantee complete protection against crime. Concerned homeowners through basic security measures and concerned neighbors being observant of unusual circumstances and reporting the same immediately are by far the greatest deterrents. We will sponsor one of more meetings during 1978 to show ways to minimize the possibility of Burglary to your homes.

The following list shows the various complaints and activities of the Police Department for the previous year.

Vandalism	26
Accidents (Auto)	13
Unfounded	22
Dog Complaints	19
Public Assists	61
Drunk	5
Medical Assists	17
Fire Calls	14
Burglary	6
Party's	5
Patrol Milage	19,400
Hours on Radar	148
Arrests	
Moving Violations	152
DWI	1
Littering	1
Break Ins	4
Theft (From Auto)	3
Theft (From Boat)	6
Theft (From Property)	5
Missing Child	5
Juvenile Complaint	15
Domestic Complaint	2
Drownings	1
Gun Shots	3
Fireworks	3
Parking Tickets Issued	282
Warning Tickets Issued	33
Courtesy Tickets Issued	229
Defective Equipment Tags	11

Respectfully
Stanley M. Pridham

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT
NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
Division of Parks and Recreation

August 24, 1977

Mr. Arthur L. Learned, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
New Castle, New Hampshire 03854

Dear Mr. Learned:

This Department is required to periodically inspect outdoor recreation projects developed in part by federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds. Great Island Common was the recipient of funds under project #33-00077.

On August 19, 1977 I inspected the Great Island Common. The purpose of these is twofold, to insure the maintenance of the facilities developed in the original project, and insure that the facility is open and available to general public use. The park gatekeeper, Mr. Richard Fernald, was most helpful in answering our questions on the fee/pass system and park use. You are to be complimented on the high degree of maintenance and area upkeep.

This inspection led us to discover that we had not informed you of the federal funding sign requirement for a completed project. At the time of your project we were able to provide project signs, which are required by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and we prepared a sign for the Great Island Common project. For some unknown reason we failed to provide you with the sign. Enclosed you will find a plastic project sign. Please post this at an appropriate location and send us a photograph of it (Poloroid is fine), so that we can complete our inspection report.

Great Island Common is an outstanding municipal park area. Your maintenance of the quality of the park is as good as we have seen. You are to be commended for it.

Sincerely,
Joseph F. Quinn, Chief
Recreation Services

JFQ: pf
Enclosure

The above favorable communication is a reflection of the efforts of the Recreation Commission, the Commission's employees and several concerned citizens. Notable have been the volunteer services of Joanne Arsenault, Dr. Frederick Gray, Henry Greenberg, Paul LaRose, George Bridle, Peter Flewelling, Peter Gamester, Richard Tabbutt and Connie Bean.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Reff, Chairman

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Public Works Department was organized last July as directed by a warrant article in 1977 Town Meeting. It controls the operation of the Water, Sewer and Roads within the Town of New Castle.

WATER

The New Castle Water District was dissolved and a new accounting system was employed at this time. Your sewer and water bills are combined by data processing with collections made by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall every weekday morning.

A new water ordinance was developed and enacted by our Selectmen as authority by RSA:252, a copy of this ordinance can be reviewed at the Town Office or the New Castle Public Library. Water rates were increased so that some capitol reserve could be set aside for replacement of worn out pipes. Meters are now being read and bills rendered every four months.

The Public Works Commissioners have arranged with Portsmouth to have water meters tested every seven years. They require that meters be at least 98% accurate or be replaced. A program of replacement, to a system of remote meter readers, has been undertaken. This will speed up the operation from two weeks with 2 meter readers to 1 day with 1 employee. Also, it will not be necessary for the meter reader to enter your house.

If any person recognizes a problem with water or sewer line breaks, please call the Town Office between 9 A.M. and 12 Noon. At other times call one of your Public Works Commissioners.

SEWER

The new sewer system was operational last October. 83 applications have been made to hook-up to the public sewer. Of these about 25 were able to be hooked-up before the 1977-1978 winter freeze stopped operations. Although

the town ordinance provides a $25.00 per day fine for pollutors not hooking-up within 90 days, your Selectmen did not invoke this law due to the short time before the winter freeze.

There were the usual and expected troubles developing with the new system and they are gradually being corrected under the warranty period.

A policy has been made that when a connection is made to a sewer stub and the pipe extends through the foundation wall, it will be considered as a connection to the sewer, although plumbing fixtures have yet to be connected.

It is well to note at this time that any resident who wishes to use old underground pipes to the sewer line, that these pipes must meet the specification of the sewer ordinance and have the approval of Tom Golter the sewer inspector, before such pipes can be used. The town cannot allow the use of any pipe which may allow ground water to enter the system.

JOHN B. CABANA
GEORGE S. PITTS
LOIS T. PAGE

NEW CASTLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
Period - July 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Public Works Dept.	Water Branch	Sewer Branch
Income			
Sales Water	$14,760.65	$14,760.65	
Sewer User Charges	5,831.17		5,831.17
Fines	17.22	17.22	
Interest Earned	12.75	12.75	
Service Charges	268.63	268.63	
Sewer Permits	1,800.00		1,800.00
Drain Layers Permits	20.00		20.00
Total Income	$22,710.42	$15,059.25	$7,651.17
Expenses			
Salaries - Supt. P.W.D.	$3,499.98		$3,499.98
Salaries - Clerks & Comm.	713.50	663.50	50.00
Meter Readers	508.00	508.00	
Inspection Fees	170.00		170.00
Data Processing	2,075.00	1,050.00	1,025.00

TOWN WARRANT

1978

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Rockingham, ss. New Castle

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Recreation Building in the Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1978 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before six o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of One (1%) percent made to those persons who shall pay their real estate taxes within six (6) weeks after they have received notice of the real estate taxes assessed against them.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid from the State for the construction of Town roads and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums of money therefor.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to move Town Meeting day from the 2nd Tuesday in March to the 2nd Tuesday in May for the optional fiscal year as per New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 39:1-a.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town wishes to exclude from its Social Security Plan, services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than Fifty ($50.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue one tax bill in November, 1978 covering eighteen (18) months.

ARTICLE 9. In the event that the vote on Article 8 is in the negative, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a tax bill, covering nine (9) months, in May 1978 and another tax bill for the remainder in November 1978.

ARTICLE 10. To see in which direction the Town wishes the Selectmen to proceed with regard to the Town Hall.

A. Make minimal repairs to the existing building.
B. Renovate the existing structure and close off the upstairs portion and move offices downstairs.
C. Proceed wth plans to construct a new, more efficient building and remove the existing structure.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred sixty-two ($6,562.00) Dollars to help defray the cost of the new fire truck and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six thousand five hundred sixty-two ($6,562.00) Dollars for use as a setoff against budgeted appropriations of the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

ARTICLE 13. On the petition of John McCormack and ten (10) other legal voters to see if the Town of New Castle will send a letter to the General Court urging the Court to pass legislation that would prohibit utilities from including in their rates, financing charges for facilities not actually able to provide service.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of Henry Greenberg and eighteen (18) other legal voters to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary sum of money to correct the drainage of storm water and surface water on Walton Road in front of the property of Henry Greenberg. (The estimate of the cost of same which was attached to the petition is in the hands of the Moderator.)

(NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.)

ARTICLE 15. Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the Authority vested in the New Castle Planning Board by the voters of the Town at the regular Town Meeting held March 9, 1971, and as required in Chapter 36, Section 23, of N.H. Revised Statutes as amended, which states that the Ordinance establishing the planning board or an ordinance amending such establishing Ordinance shall specify the officer or employee of the municipality who shall issue in its behalf the certificate of failure on the part of the planning board to take action as stated in said section, as follows:

> To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, which is an amendment to the Authority vested in the Planning Board, to specify the officer or employee of the municipality who shall issue in its behalf the certificate of failure on the part of the planning board to be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 16. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, which is an amendment to Section II.C of the Zoning Ordinance, which is to amend Section II.C. by changing the word "manufactories" to "occupations."

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 17. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, which is an amendment to Section III.B of the Zoning Ordinance, which is to amend Section III.B by adding the word "lot" after "stone pit" in the second place those words appear.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 18. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Baord, which is an amendment to Section IV.B.10. of the Zoning Ordinance, which is to amend Section IV.B.10. by adding the sentence, "A structure of any type used as a two-family dwelling, moved or erected, shall have a ground floor area of not less than seven hundred twenty (720) square feet per unit for a one-story structure and five hundred (500) square feet per unit for a two-story structure."

((ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 19. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board which are amendments to Section IV.C.2 and Section IV.E of the Zoning Ordinance which is to add a new subsection IV.E.22 and to delete Section IV.C.2 as it now appears and to substitute the following words, each amendment to read: "These regulations shall apply and be effective over any area owned by the

United States Government or State of New Hampshire immediately when such land is relinquished by the United States Government or State of New Hampshire."

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 20. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, which is an amendment to Section IV.E.11. of the Zoning Ordinance, which is to amend Section IV.E.11. by adding the words, "No building shall be placed within any required yard or buffer zone." after the words, "except between a multi-family dwelling and a pre-existing single family dwelling lot not part of the proposed planned development where there shall be a minimum distance of three hundred (300) feet."

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 21. Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Amendments to the Town Building Code, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Planning Board, which is to further amend the amendment to Section 4 of the Building Code by deleting the word "city" wherever it appears and inserting the word "town" in each place.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of February, 1978.

Peter Gamester
Margaret H. Harrington
Selectmen, New Castle, New Hampshire

A true copy — attest:

Peter Gamester
Margaret H. Harrington

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N.H.

SECTION I Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	BUDGET COMMITTEE Recommended 18 Months (1978-79)	Submitted Without Recommendation
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$8,625.00	12,600.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	7,450.00	12,920.00	
Election & Registration Exp.	750.00	2,045.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	2,700.00	4,012.00	
Emp. Retirement & Soc. Security	2,000.00	4,050.00	
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	1,500.00	
Property reappraisal	1,000.00	500.00	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	24,038.95	34,450.00	
Fire Department	8,980.00	13,934.00	
Insurance	6,500.00	10,700.00	
Planning & Zoning	1,528.60	2,024.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	3,500.00	6,700.00	
Historic Records		4,500.00	
Conservation Commission			750.00
Health Dept. (Inc. Hospitals & Ambulance)			
Health Services	3,787.50	2,300.00	
Sewer Maintenance	11,000.00	19,870.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	15,000.00	22,500.00	
Other:			
Ambulance Subsidy			750.00
Mosquito Control		2,415.00	
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	18,000.00	26,150.00	
Street Lighting - Public Works	5,500.00	7,750.00	
Gen. Expenses of Department		14,500.00	
Town Road Aid	42.01	* 2,010.00	
Libraries:	3,800.00	7,321.00	
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	400.00	4,600.00	
Old Age Assistance	100.00	0.00	
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	100.00	100.00	
Recreation	10,000.00	14,000.00	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipal. Water-Electric Utilities		26,655.00	
Cemeteries	500.00	5,485.00	
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	36,000.00	76,600.00	
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds	5,357.50	71,377.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	11,708.34	1,500.00	

Capital Outlay:		
Highways	3,000.00	00.00
Fire. Dept., Rebuild 5" hose reel		13,000.00
Library, Paint and Insulate		4,500.00
Sewer, Depreciation Fund		500.00
52. Land & Buildings, Art. 18, Town Meeting 1977(Fire Alarm)	1,000.00	
52. Land & Buildings, Art. 14, Town Meeting 1977 ,(Town Hall Sewer)	1,200.00	
52. Land & Buildings - Art. 22, Town Meeting 1977(Town Hall Drainage)	2,500.00	
53. New Equipment - Art. 42, Town Meeting 1977 (Tractor)	2,600.00	
*Includes 1960 Restricted Aid		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$199,667.90	$433,068.00

SECTION II
Sources of Revenue

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue 18 Months 1978-79)
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	49,000.00	54,564.34	55,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	2,800.00	3,276.57	3,276.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	5,700.00	5,793.98	5,794.00
State Aid - Water Pollution Projects	—	19,410.00	38,370.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	3,410.31	3,410.31	8,060.00
Reim. A.C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	450.00	451.08	450.00
Reim. Police Gasoline Tax	200.00	205.44	309.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	429.20	620.00
Business Lic.,Permits & Filing Fees	280.00	436.50	687.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	19,000.00	19,985.00	30,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	2,300.00	2,805.19	2,050.00
Income from Trust Funds	—		—
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	0.00		0.00
Cont. to Town Poor			900.00
Fines & Forfeits—Mnpl & Dist. Court	1,000.00	2,000.32	1,900.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	270.00		303.00
Resident Taxes Retained	4,800.00		4,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	—		—
Garbage Removal	500.00		1,000.00
Sale of Town Property			—
Income from Departments			
Library			2,155.00
Cemeteries	—		5,485.00
Recreation	—		1,875.00
Income from Municipal Utilities	11,000.00	19,049.23	60,525.00
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)			
Interest on Sewer Capital	3,000.00		
Surplus	0.00	11,000.00	15,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing and Interest	5,286.00		8,500.00
Grant for Hist. Records	—		3,200.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	108,808.31	142,817.16	249,959.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes (Exlusive of County and School Taxes)	90,859.59		183,109.00
TOTAL REVENUES	199,667.90		$433,068.00

Printing & Office Supplies	90.80	60.85	29.95
Advertising	81.00	68.87	12.13
Taxes - FICA	306.15	98.34	207.81
Purchased Water	5,065.20	5,065.20	
Electric Services Pump. Station	1,315.69		1,315.69
Telephone Relay Services	246.62		246.62
Repairs - Water Mains	373.00	373.00	
Supplies - Pump. Stations	56.71		56.71
Repairs - Hydrants	39.00	39.00	
Repairs - Meters	100.00	100.00	
Security System	41.65	41.65	
Supplies - Water Mains	899.24	899.24	
Freight In	3.15	3.15	
Repairs - Sewer	52.00		52.00
Telephone Paging Service	222.50		222.50
Postage	13.00	13.00	
Total Expenses	$15,872.19	$8,983.80	(1)$6,888.39
Net Profit			
Income Less Expenses	$6,838.23	$6,075.45	$762.78

(1) This does not include any charges by the city of Portsmouth.

NEW CASTLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BALANCE SHEET & NET WORTH
December 31, 1977

	Dept. of Public Works	Water Branch	Sewer Branch
Current Assets			
Cash:			
Checking Account	$7,993.33	$2,216.97	$5,776.36
Savings Account	5,985.94	485.94	5,500.00
Petty Cash	25.00	25.00	
Total Cash	$14,004.27	$2,727.91	$11,276.36
Accounts Receivable			
Current	$6,372.14	$5,885.72	$486.42
Overdue	351.98	351.98	
Total Accounts Rec.	$6,724.12	6,237.70	486.42
Total Current Assets	$20,728.39	$8,965.61	$11,762.78

Net Worth				
Transfer From N.C. Water Dept.				
Checking Account		$2,523.97		
Savings Account		473.19		
Total		$2,997.16		
Less: Adjustments				
Dewhirst	$100.00			
N.C. Water Dept.	7.00	$107.00		
Net Worth July 1, 1977		$2,890.16	$2,890.16	
Plus:				
Appropriations		$11,000.00		$11,000.00
Profit From Operations July 1, 1977 - Dec. 31, 1977		$6,838.23	$6,075.45	$762.78
Net Worth Dec. 31, 1977		(1) $20,728.39	$8,965.61	$11,762.78

(1) Does not include Fixed Assets.

NEW CASTLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RECONCILIATION OF CASH IN CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Dept. of Public Works	Water	Sewer
Income			
July 1, 77 Transferred From New Castle Water Dept.	$2,523.97	$2,523.97	
Aug. 9, 77 Transfer From Appropriation	$1,000.00		$1,000.00
Sept. 13, 77 Transfer From Appropriation	4,500.00		4,500.00
July 1, 77-Dec. 31, 77 Gross Income	22,710.42	$15,059.25	$7,651.17
Gross Income	$30,734.39	$17,583.22	$13,151.17
Adjustments to Gross Income			
Deduct - Accounts Receivable	$6,724.12	$6,237.70	$486.42
Interest Earned to Savings Account	12.75	12.75	
Total Adjustments	$6736.87	$6,250.45	486.42
Total Net Income	$23,997.52	$11,332.77	$12,664.75

Expenditures				
July 1,,77 - Dec. 31,77 Expenses		$15,872.19	$8,983.80	$6,888.39
Establish Petty Cash		25.00	25.00	
Adjustments-N.C. Water Dept.				
Dewhirst	$100.00			
N.C. Water Dept.	7.00			
Total Adjustments		107.00	107.00	
Total Net Expenditures & Adjustments		$16,004.19	$9,115.80	$6,888.30
Checkbook Bal. Dec. 31, 1977		$7,993.33	$2,216.97	$5,776.36

NEW CASTLE WATER DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Period of Jan. 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977

Cash on Hand Jan 1, 1977		
First Nat'l. Bank Checking	$557.28	
Piscataqua Savings Bank	1,917.60	
Portsmouth Savings Bank	460.47	
Petty Cash	71.83	
Total Cash Jan 1, 1977		$3,007.18
Plus Income Jan 1, - June 31, 1977		
Water Sales	$5,381.98	
Fines	24.20	
Service Charges	208.10	
Reimburse Freeze-Ups	135.28	
Supplies to PITT Const.	500.00	
Interest Earned	12.72	
N.C.P.W. - Overdrawn Check	7.00	
Total Income		$6,269.28
Total Cash & Income		$9,276.46
Less Expenses		
Supplies - Water	$827.46	
Insurance	54.00	
Purchased Water	3,612.80	
Meter Readers	200.00	
Taxes - FICA	269.46	
Repair Hydrants	74.50	
Repair Mains	275.50	
Thawing Mains & Services	522.15	
Snow Removal	211.50	
Printing	153.20	
Advertising	6.90	
Postage	71.83	
Less Total Expenses		$6,279.30

Cash on Hand July 1, 1977		$2,997.16
First Nat'l. Bank Checking	$2,523.97	
Portsmouth Savings Bank	473.19	
Transferred to P. Works Dept.		$2,997.16
Balance		—0—

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

During 1977 the Department responded to 17 calls for assistance. Of these 2 were of a serious nature and resulted in property damage. We received mutual aid from Portsmouth and provided mutual aid to Portsmouth twice.

As a reminder the fire insurance rates have been reduced from 25 to 35 percent due to improvements in the department. If you have not seen an adjustment in your rates since February of 1977 see your agent. The upgrading of the department will save the homeowner thousands of dollars each year we maintain the present rating.

One of the reasons for this improved rating has been the training program started last year. We now hold two training sessions each month, which are supplemented by State sponsored schools. The department has on its rolls 16 members and we need more. We should have twice that number of people trained to insure adequate response at all fires. We need people willing to spend some of their time to join those few who are now providing all the fire protection in this town.

Since more and more people are installing wood burning appliances we have seen an increase in chimney fires. This indicates a need for proper care of chimneys. Wood burning means more frequent cleaning and inspections of general conditions. There are pamphlets available at the Town Clerk's office with instructions for installation and maintenance of wood burning stoves.

We have all seen and heard advertisements about smoke detectors and fire escape plans. These are worth your serious consideration, as they are designed to give early warning and provide safety alternative exits in the event of fire. By being prepared less confusion and excitement will result should an emergency occur.

We have proposed buying a new chassis for the hose reel this year. It will be a heavier chassis with an improved powering system and a finished body. This will provide a safer, more efficient vehicle than the present one. The present chassis is showing the strain of the constant load and should be replaced before it fails.

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of 1/4 of 1 percent of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between town/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	262	66.25
Town	0	0

CLARK M. DAVIS
District Fire Chief
REGINALD WHITEHOUSE
Forest Fire Warden

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

During the year 1977, the Planning Board held ten meetings and one public hearing. One of our meetings was as a result of a new state law which requires planning boards to meet at least ninety days before Town Meeting to accept petitions for zoning and building code changes. We met for this purpose on Saturday, November 19, but there were no petitions received. If any citizen has any recommendations for us to consider, we are always anxious to hear of them at any time and we welcome citizen attendance at our meetings.

Those members of the board who reccommended the major changes in our zoning ordinance were very pleased with the favorable response of the voters. All eighteen amendments passed by substantial margins. At the 1978 meeting, we are recommending only minor changes mostly for the purposes of correction and clarification.

Immediately following the 1977 Town Meeting, we begun work on revisions of our Subdivision Regulations and plan to adopt new regulations in 1978.

Early in the year, Peter Flewelling found it necessary to resign for business reasons and Judith Sawyer was appointed by the Selectmen as his replacement on the board. In addition to being secretary, Judy is chairman of the Town Buildings Committee, a sub-committee of the Planning Board. The sub-committee has made a very complete analysis of the town's buildings, report of which is elsewhere in the Town Report, and the Planning Board has resolved that there is a need for a new town hall.

Douglas Woodward was a very active and very important member of the Planning Board from 1973 until April of 1977. Although Douglas did not accept reappointment to the Board, he continued to work with the contractors on the town base and tax maps. The maps were completed in September and were on view at the town office so that property owners could call attention to any needed corrections.

The Selectmen concurred with the Board in recognition of the need for numbering of residences and accepted the Board's offer to complete this assignment. Carter Ruggles

volunteered the task and Howell Russell, a new member of the Board, agreed to assist him. Both Carter and Howell have had health problems and Carter has found it necessary to resign from the planning board. Howell and Mrs. Russell will complete the numbering as soon as weather permits. This is quite an undertaking even in a small town such as New Castle and we are grateful to Philip Parker of the Portsmouth Public Works Department who has been very cooperative in helping Carter and Howell develop a method of operation.

The need for future cemetery space is still one of our board's concerns. Charles Brothwell's assignment is to work with the cemetery trustees towards a solution.

George Pitts, our vice chairman, is another valuable member o f the Board, and keeps us informed as to public works projects. His board assignment are tasks and recommendations dealing with Town roads. The Board remains concerned about the safety of Pit road and George is anxious that all street boundaries be defined and published.

Peter Gamester, our selectman representative, maintains a perfect attendance record in spite of his demanding schedule. His expertise in construction matters, his awareness of the town's needs and his reports on town affairs which have an effect on our deliberations benefit us immensely.

The Southeastern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission continues to give us technical assistance regarding zoning, building codes, subdivision regulations and other planning issues. Their draftsman is preparing a map of the town on which we will be having public hearings during 1978. He is also making up the new Zoning District Boundary and Flood Hazard Area maps for inclusion in copies of our Zoning Ordinance. The Commission has duplicated copies of the Zoning Ordinance, Building Code Amendments, and our proposed Subdivision Regulations at a minimum cost to the Town.

As chairman, my work is in acting as liaison between the Board and the Commission, typing regulations, agendas and advertising, scheduling advertising and public hearings, keeping alert to changes in planning laws and

recommending calendar schedules to meet deadlines. The Board recognizes that New Castle's size brings both benefits and problems and that, because we are small, we must remain primarily quiet residential.

MARGARET M. HARTFORD
Chairman

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector issued 2 permits for new homes in 1977. I also issued 24 permits for various other types of building and remodeling. I extended 2 permits to finish jobs started in 1976. The approximate total value of all permits was $285,000.00.

Again this year, I would like to stress the 10' setback requirement on all property lines, except the front, that setback is 25'. No building or part of a structure is to be erected any closer than 10'. If is is to be less than 10', a hearing before the Board of Adjustment is required.

With the increasing use of wood stoves, I would like to take this time to caution everyone about the dangers of chimney fires. Please have your chimney inspected and cleaned if necessary. If you are going to erect a new chimney I will be glad to go over the building codes with you and help in any way.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Gamester, Building Inspector

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT
1977

During 1977 the Highway Department accomplished some small jobs that have needed attention for a few years.

The Steamboat Lane area by the Miller residence was regraded and paved. This road was in poor shape and badly rutted. The river side of Cape Road was badly eroded from storms and the road was in danger of being eroded. Stone from sewer construction that was stockpiled on Pitt Lane was used to accomplish this project.

The large depression in the road at The Common by the oceanside picnic area was dug up and regraded. It was felt there might be an old well or underground tank in this area. Old bricks were found and the thought is that the weight of the traffic was crushing the bricks and settling the road. Also, the concrete cap leading to the Cod Rock walkway was repaired.

With the use this past year of the Church parking area during the snow storms, the task of clearing the streets of snow has been accomplished with greater speed and ease. With more and more cars on the Island, the problem of getting them off the street becomes greater. As you may know, we do not like to use salt on our roads. We will use it only when sand is not effective. The sand pile at the Common is there for your walkways. Please do not take the sand from the barrels around Town. These are for use when roads become slippery, or when you happen to get stuck.

During snow storms we now have communication between one of the plows and the Police Department. If you have a BONA FIDE emergency and have to get out, contact the Police Department. They can reach us on "CB" Channel 23.

Driveways are plowed only after the roads are completed. There are three (3) routes set up and the routes adhered to. This is done so we do not miss anyone. Jumping around only causes confusion. Any emergency will be handled immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted
Richard C. Tabbutt
Road Agent

Town Historian and Chairman Archives and Records Committee

During 1977 the Archives and Records Committee has continued working on the file cards of the Vital Statistics of the town. Cynthia Thomas has been doing a lot of cross referencing, which helps researchers, and has added much new information derived from searches in neighboring towns. People who come to look up data in our files often provide us with dates and information which we did not have. We are much relieved that these 3500 or more file cards were microfilmed this year, and the film is safely stored in the safe deposit box of the Trustees for Trust Funds. The information could be retrieved in case of any disaster.

The town clerk receives many requests every year for information concerning vital statistics, and the ease of retrieving data from the files of old records has helped her a great deal. Cynthia Thomas also responds to many letters requesting genealogical information.

In October, with the approval of the Selectmen, a professional archivist and consultant spent two days studying the filing of our archives and interviewing town officials about their methods of keeping and retaining records. He made a detailed report to the Historian and to the Selectmen, with suggestions about how the town could more expeditiously and safely store its records, with particular reference to the rapidly accumulating quantity of contemporary records.

As a result of this professional advice, Geraldine Woodward and Mary White of the Committee are now working on records accumulated between 1925 and 1965. They are observing carefully the specific regulations of the State of N.H. concerning the length of time certain records must be kept, and what should be their eventual disposition, i.e. destruction, or microfilming, or permanent retention. Eventually these records will be filed by subject, and chronologically within the subject. For example, all of the

correspondence concerning acquisition and subsequent development and use of the Great Island Common will be gathered into one folder or box, instead of being distributed through boxes of records of many different years. This material will be readily available to anyone.

The fourth volume of Town Records 1809-1839, was restored this year. This completes the restoration of volumes of town records which were in very bad condition. However, we hope to get the four volumes of original Vital Statistics 1756-1896 restored this coming year. They are in deplorable condition, separated from the bindings and with many loose pages.

The Historian spent a great deal of time, including trips to Concord for consultation, in preparing a proposal requesting a grant of $3,200.00 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (a division of the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration). The proposal required 19 pages, which we were advised was not too wordy! The grant, *if* we receive it, will be used for the restoration of the almost 2500 loose papers which we have sorted and filed. The earliest date from 1695, and there are very valuable lists of assessments and tax lists from the years shortly after 1700. The so-called "fragments" contain the correspondence between Governor John Wentworth, and the Selectmen when he was a refugee in 1775 at Fort William and Mary. He hoped that New Castle would supply his party with food but the selectmen declined! These are very valuable letters, which both Dartmouth College and the N.H. Historical Society would like to have for their "John Wentworth" collections. But New Castle is proud to have these original letters and has provided Xerox copies to the two parties mentioned above.

The amount of this grant has been included in the proposed town budget, in order for the town to be legally entitled to spend the money, if it is received! If the grant is not received the restoration work on the loose papers will not be done at the present time. In no way will this project involve any expense to citizens of New Castle.

We regret that Joseph Copley resigned from the Committee this year. No one who knows Joe will be surprised to

learn that he continues to give us helpful advise and information whenever we call upon him. The historian will ever be grateful to Joe, for his extensive knowledge of New Castle history, and his encouragement and help as this Archives and Records committee became a functioning part of New Castle town government in the past five years. The other two members of the Committee do not work regularly every week, but they are always available for special projects and on occasions when we need advice from longtime residents of New Castle. To them and the three who work regularly on the records, the chairman is happy to say "thank you" in an official sort of way.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Macomber, Town Historian
and Chairman, Archives and Records Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

The Town Buildings Committee has been meeting regularly since March 26, 1977 in its attempt to develop a comprehensive study of Town buildings. The Committee is in reality a subcommittee of the New Castle Planning Board, and the chairman of the Committee is a member of that Board. The membership of the Committee throughout has been: Judy Sawyer (chairman), Jack Beard, Charles Petlick, Andrew Schulte, and Reginald E. Whitehouse.

The stated purpose of the Committee was to undertake a comprehensive study of each Town building in terms of its usefulness, efficiency, value, physical condition, recent and current costs of operation and maintenance, and any required improvements (short-term and long-term). The Committee agreed upon the consideration of the following buildings within the scope of its purpose: 1.) Town Hall, 2.) Common buildings: recreation building, caretaker's quarters, garage used by Road Agent and Water Dept., bath house, and pistol range, 3.) Public Library, 4.) old Fire House, and 5.) new Fire Station.

The Committee agreed upon the following procedure:

A. to gather all the necessary statistical information that is available in an effort to develop a complete chart on the current situation per building: 1.) uses, 2.) % facility in use, 3.) recent operating costs, 4.) recent maintenance costs, 5.) physical condition, 6.) needed repairs.

B. to develop a report of conclusions based upon the costs/benefits analysis of chart (A.).

C. to develop a report of alternative recommendations to be presented to the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, and the 1978 Annual Town Meeting.

The goal throughout was to prepare a final report of the Committee's findings for referral to the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the 1978 Town Meeting.

Several meetings and many hours were spent on gathering available statistical information on the buildings. The Town's record-keeping system does not lend itself easily to this kind of inquiry; therefore, one recommendation of this Committee is to advise the Board of Selectmen to maintain

a supplementary record of expenditures organized under managerial categories, such that PLANT: operation and maintenance would be one category. While this format would be an accountant's nightmare, it would be a manager's dream; and it should prove beneficial to the Town by affording the officials and townspeople with a better understanding of some Town Expenses.

The Committee attempted to cooperate and coordinate its activities with a number of appropiate Town agencies and officers in its effort to undertake this study. The Committee invited the following parties to participate at various meetings to assist in informing the Committee specifically in response to their current use of a Town building, their interpretation of the physical condition and functional adequacy of the facility now used, and their interpretation of their needs in a Town building: Board of Selectmen, Police Chief, Town Clerk, chairman of Archives and Records Commission, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, chairman of Recreation Commission, Road Agent, Water Commissioners, members of Public Works Dept., Library Trustees.

Following approximately seven months of holding meetings, gathering available statistical information, interviewing Town officials, conducting inspections, and many hours of discussion, the Committee prepared Expenses and Analysis reports for the various Town buildings.

It is apparent to even the least observant that the most prominent problem the Town Buildings Committee, and the Town, encounters is the condition of the Town Hall. At the time of the writing of this report the Committee is trying to acquire cost estimates for various renovation or replacement proposals in connection with the Town Hall. For some reason contractors are extremely reluctant to respond to the Town about this. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that this ball has been tossed around for some twelve years by the Town. Since 1966 there have been a progression of reports of inspecions by contractors and by the Fire Chief, as well as a number of attempts to renovate or replace the Town Hall through various architectural designs. The Town has not been responsive to the needs and problems of the Town Hall for many years. In the 1960's

no systematic plan was developed for future maintenance and updating of the building. In the 1970's, despite repeated warnings that the building was falling into disrepair and actually unsafe, no systematic plan was developed to bring the facility up to minimum standards.

The Committee's survey and analysis indicates that two small offices and the vault are all that are currently used in the Town Hall. The Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Building Inspector, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment operate from a second floor room. The Police Chief, Tax Collector, Archives and Records Commission and Supervisors of the Checklist operate in a first floor room. The remaining balance of the Hall is not used, with the exception of a rare public hearing. It was the unanimous opinion of all those addressing the Committee that the Town Hall does not serve the purpose. The building is in a state of disrepair; the heating system is costly and inefficient; the electrical system is inadequate; the plumbing system is deficient. Those using the second floor office are dissatisfied with the necessity of being located there, as climbing the stairs is an inconvenience and hardship for many residents. Those using the first floor room adjacent to the vault regret the lack of privacy suffered by the Police Department, as well as the cramped quarters shared by so many.

As the study and discussions evolved, the Committee recognized three alternatives for the Town to pursue in relation to the severe problems of the Town Hall. The alternatives:

A. a plan of minimal required repairs to the existing structure to ensure adequate safety and cost efficiency, involving:

1.) necessary structural repairs to check any further deterioration

2.) measures to ensure an adequate, safe electrical system

3.) measures to ensure greater fuel efficiency

a.) insulation

b.) storm window protection

c.) overhaul of heating system

4.) measures to ensure minimum fire safety requirements

a.) repaired fire escape and fire exits

b.) all extinguishers tested and recharged or replaced

c.) new emergency lighting system and exit lights

5.) complete professional cleaning

B. a plan for renovating the existing structure that takes into account the considerations of the Committee on the following points:

1.) necessary structural repairs to check any further deterioration

2.) measures to ensure an adequate, safe electrical system

3.) measures to ensure greater fuel efficiency

4.) the acute necessity of providing the Police Chief with an office of ensured privacy

5.) the desirability of locating the Town Clerk and Selectman's office on the first floor

6.) the desirability of having the Town Clerk and Selectmen use a single office of adequate size

7.) the creation of a multi-purpose office to be assigned at the discretion of the Selectmen for use at various times by such groups or officials as the Planning Board, Budget Committee, Board of Adjustment, Town Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Archives and Records Commission, Public Works Dept., Supervisors of the Checklist

8.) the inclusion of a new vault to be maintained at a temperature of 65-70°F and humidity level of 45-55% throughout the year

9.) a reasonably-sized meeting hall

C. a plan for replacing the existing structure with a new, small town office building taking into account the considerations of the Committee on the following points:

1.) as maintenance-free a building as possible

2.) a building as cost-efficient as possible

3.) a floor plan that provides for:

a.) a joint Town Clerk/Selectmen's office

b.) an adequate vault (65-70°F and 45-55% humidity)

c.) a private Police Chief's office

d.) two small multi-purpose offices to be assigned at the discretion of the Selectmen for use by the various Town groups and officials that require an office facility from time to time

e.) a reasonably-sized meeting hall

Hopefully, by the time of the 1978 Town Meeting, the Committee will have acquired cost figures, at today's prices, for the three alternative proposals. Also, the Board of Selectmen should be prepared to inform the townspeople as to the appropriated means of payment suitable to each alternative and some indication as to how each should affect the tax rate. In addition, the Committee will have copies of the specifications for the three alternative proposals available at the 1978 Town Meeting, as well as at the Town Clerk's office and Public Library in February.

No matter what course of action the Town takes in response to this Committee's study and report, there can be no excuse for further neglect of the New Castle Town Hall. It is time for us to make up our minds that some decisive action must be taken. And no matter what decision is made, it is imperative that the Board of Selectmen devise a plan for systematic managemant of any town office facility, be it a new building or a renovated Town Hall.

Although the Town Hall was the critical issue for this Committee, we also considered the other Town buildings. The Committee has a few recommendations for some buildings located on the Common: 1.) Recreation building: insulation installed, heating system evaluated, steel beam and brace work, new doors equipped with panic hardware, replaced front post, resurfaced gym floor, replaced linoleum flooring, updated emergency lighting system. 2.) Caretaker's quarters: insulation installed and new electrical system continued throughout the building. 3.) There are two additional structures located on the Common that should be removed: the block building located in the area occupied by the Pitt Co., designated as a future ice skating area; and the "blue whatever" located some 200' on the left inside the main entrance. These structures serve no useful purpose whatever, and do in fact present a hazardous condition.

The Committee held two sessions with the Library

Trustees and joins them in recommending for the Library: exterior painting, installing insulation, installing storm windows.

Final recommendations:

1.that the Board of Selectmen introduce a Town Warrant article for the 1978 Town Meeting asking the voters to show a preference for one of the three alternative proposals for dealing with the Town Hall situation.

2.that the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board make a concerted effort to actively pursue a solution to the Town Hall situation.

3.that the Board of Selectmen devise a systematic plan for the managemant and maintenance of Town buildings, coordinating with the appropriate boards and agencies.

4.that the Board of Selectmen and Recreation Commission cooperate to make the necessary improvements in the Common buildings as soon as practicable.

5.that the Board of Selectmen maintain a supplementary record of expenditures on Town buildings - PLANT: operation and maintenance.

Judy Sawyer, Chairman

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL COMMISSION REPORT

During 1977, Sidney Palmer, who has been a representative to the Southeastern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission as long as the Town has participated, found it necessary to resign and Raymond Burzynski, chairman of the town conservation commission, was nominated by the planning board and appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy.

Planners from the Commission have continued to assist the Planning Board in making recomendations for changes in the zoning ordinance and in its deliberations regarding changes in subdivision regulations. They have duplicated copies of the zoning ordinance, building code amendments, and proposed subdivision regulations at a minimum cost to the Town. A draftsman for the commission is now working on our flood hazard area and zoning district boundary maps so that they may be duplicated for inclusion with our zoning ordinance.

Copies of new legislation dealing with planning issues have been furnished by the Commission and planners have met us to discuss our town plan and official town map.

The Commission is available and willing to assist any town committee in an advisory capacity.

MARGARET M. HARTFORD
RAYMOND O. BURZYSNSKI

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

During this past year a great deal of work has gone into improving the appearance of the cemetery. A goodly number of dead trees have been removed. More must be removed. This type of work is costly.

Bushes and scrub growth are gradually being removed where they have been allowed to gradually encroach to lots around the perimeter of the cemetery. This will be an on going process.

A goodly number of depressions throughout the cemetery have been filled and seeded. It is hoped this can continue where needed each year.

Curbing has been installed and loam and seeding have been done on the Tarlton lane restoring it to its original size. Hopefully, this will keep it from future damage by cars and trucks.

Although this work has been expensive, it is felt that the sooner this work is completed the less the cost in the long run with the continual rising costs of services.

Thought is being given to the erection of a barrier to mark the property line along the front of the cemetery to discourage drivers from driving their cars over graves. A gate or chain is being considered between the gate posts to discourage the use of the cemetery as playground and park by those who obviously have no business there.

We especially thank the Police Department who responded so quickly and positively in the one instance of vandalism.

Again we wish to thank all those who have assisted in the improvement of the cemetery property.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Income

Individual payments for care of lots	$287.00
Trust Funds, Cemetery lot care	1,382.00
Town Appropriation	500.00
Sale of burial space	1,050.00
Interest	333.19
	$3,552.19

Expenditures

Labor for cemetery care, loam, granite, etc., (use of equip. included)	$2,206.16
To Trustees of Trust Funds for care of space sold	500.00
	$2,706.16

Checking Account Balance	$111.94
Savings Account Balance	$1,543.02
Capital Reserve Fund for Cemetery Improvement	5,908.33

Respectfully submitted,
Ivory G. Kimball
Richard Groton
Robert Kennedy
Trustees

NEW CASTLE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORTS

DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Clerk	Christina Fernald
School Board	Louis Klotz, 1978
	Ed Theobald, 1979
	Judith Sawyer, 1980
District Treasurer	Margaret Riffe
Auditor	Charles W. Clark
Moderator	George S. Pitts
Truant Officer	Ed Theobald

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Gilbert Williams	Principal & Social Studies
Helen Oroski	Grades 5 & 6
Nancy White	Grades 3 & 4
Susan Paige	Grades 1 & 2
Arlene Forte (part-time)	Reading
Colette Foley (part-time)	French
Barbara Lawton (part-time)	Music
Stanley Maddock (part-time)	Physical Education
Nancy Pappas (part-time)	Art
Kathy Dewhirst (part-time)	Nurse

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Timothy F. Monahan

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

John P. Ball
John R. Loughlin

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Joseph A. Bove

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

Election of Officers
1978
The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of New Castle in the County of Rockingham and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE Recreation Building in Great Island Common IN SAID DISTRICT ON Tuesday, the 14th DAY OF March, 1978, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE A.M., TO VOTE FOR DISTRICT OFFICERS:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

POLLS WILL NOT CLOSE BEFORE 6:00 P.M.

The foregoing procedures calling for election of your District Officers at the annual Town Meeting is authorized by statute (RSA 197:1-a) and was adopted by the District at its 1964 annual meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID New Castle THIS 13th DAY OF February 1978.

Ed Theobold
Louis H. Klotz
Judith Sawyer
School Board

NEW CASTLE
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT — 1978
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of New Castle, in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE Recreation Building, Great Island Common IN THE SAID DISTRICT OF NEW CASTLE ON Saturday, the 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 1978 at 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

NOTICE: School District Officers are to be elected at the Town Meeting (Recreation Building, Great Island Common, March 14, 1978, polls open at 10:00 A.M. and will not close before 6:00 P.M.) in accordance with the Statutory Procedure adopted by the District at its March 1964 Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to receive and expend on behalf of the District, any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire or any agency thereof, or any private agency.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the School District would wish the New Castle School Board to consider, and determine the feasibility of, having the Senior High School tuition students reimburse the School District for their school bus transportation. If approved by the School District, and found feasible by the School Board, such reimbursement to begin with the 1978-79 school year and to be assessed on an annual basis payable by December of each school year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the School District would agree to an investigation into the educational and economic feasibility of the School District tuitioning all students residing within the New Castle School District to other

School Districts. If approved, this investigation is to be carried out by a 5-member Special Select Commission composed of one member from the Board of Selectmen, one member from the New Castle School Board, one member from the Budget Committee, one member from the Planning Board and one member at large to be appointed by the School District Moderator. This Commission is to report on the educational feasibility to the School Baord, the financial feasibility to the Budget Committee and on both to the Town at a public hearing by February 1, 1979.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the School District will authorize:

a.) The repair, replacement or addition of the present windows and doors with double panes or storm/screen windows and doors on the main building,

b.) The repair, replacement or addition of the present windows and doors with double panes or storm/screen windows and doors on the temporary buildings.

c.) The placement of 12-in. thick, or equivalent, insulation in the attic floor of the main school building, and

d.) The installation of a fresh-air venting system in the boiler room in the main building.

for a total expenditure of $13,210 for major building maintenance of the Maude H. Trefethen School Buildings.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the New Castle School District will appropriate the sum of $1,000 as a contingency fund as provided under RSA: 4-1.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for payments of salaries, for obligations of the District; and to authorize the application against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization fund together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID New Castle THIS 13th DAY OF February, 1978.

Ed Theobold
Judith Sawyer
Louis H. Klotz
School Baord

A true Copy of warrant - Attest:

Ed Theobold
Judith Sawyer
Louis H. Klotz
School Board

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET — 1978

SECTION I

Purpose of Appropriation	Approved Budget 1977-78	Recommended 1978-79
100. Administration		
110. Salaries	$885.00	$885.00
135. Contracted Services	110.00	110.00
190. Other Expenses	740.00	1,065.00
200. Instruction		
210. Salaries	76,361.00	70,124.00
215. Textbooks	1,825.00	980.00
220. Library & Audiovisual Materials	690.00	1,180.00
230. Teaching Supplies	3,425.00	2,980.00
235. Contracted Services	2,600.00	2,660.00
290. Other Expenses	1,495.00	1,455.00
300. Attendance Services	10.00	1.00
400. Helath Services	1,530.00	1,660.00
500. Pupil Transportation	9,811.00	9,680.00

600. Operation of Plant		
610. Salaries	4,225.00	4,225.00
630. Supplies	495.00	500.00
635. Contracted Services	310.00	210.00
640. Heat	1,200.00	1,610.00
645. Utilities	2,750.00	3,550.00
700. Maintenance of Plant	1,005.00	***14,830.00
800. Fixed Charges		
850. Employee Retirement & F.I.C.A.	6,015.00	7,235.00
855. Insurance	3,815.00	4,790.00
900* School Lunch & Spec. Milk Program	610.00	410.00
1000. Student-Body Activities	505.00	355.00
1200. Capital Outlay		
1265. Sites	2,210.00	2,500.00
1266. Buildings	10.00	
1267. Equipment	2,500.00	562.00
1477. Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State		
1477.1 Tuition	103,512.00	110,060.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	7,373.00	5,771.00
1479. Expenditures to other than Pub. Schools	600.00	100.00
Contingency Fund		1,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$236,617.00	$250,488.00

***Federal & District Funds**

***Includes $13,210. Warrant article

SECTION II

Revenues & Credits Available To Reduce School Taxes	**Approved Revenues 1977-78**	**Budget Committee 1978-79**
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE Cash, as of July 1, 1977*	15,591.46	$3,000.00
Revenue from State Sources:		
Sweepstakes	**2,041.00 (4,000.00)	4,600.00
Revenue from Federal Sources:		
Sch. Lunch & Special Milk Program Same**	600.00	400.00
PL 874 (Impacted Area-Cur. Oper). Same **	4,000.00 (9,700.00)	7,000.00
PL 89-10 (ESEA) Title IV Same**	300.00	

Local Revenue Except Taxes:		
Other Revenue from Local Sources		500.00
Total School Revenues and Credits **(19,600)	22,532.46	15,500.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	† 214,084.54	‡ 234,988.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$236,617.00	$250,488.00

***Also advised by State in Nov., 1977. $5,000 was budgeted as surplus in 77-78 budget.**
**** These may increase by additional receipts before July 1, 1978. Originally budgeted amounts shown in brackets if different.**

† $221,778.00 without $13,210 Warrant Article.
‡ $237,278.00 without $13,210 Warrant Article.

February 17, 1978

Farrell A. Moore
Louis H. Klotz
Margaret H. Harrington
Geraldine H. Woodward
New Castle School District Budget Committee

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT
1976-1977

RECEIPTS		
Revenue from Local Sources		
Taxes received from School Distict		
Levies	$171,391.11	
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	592.00	
TOTAL		$171,983.11
Revenue from State Sources		
Sweepstakes		4,527.64
Revenue from Federal Sources		
School Lunch &		
Spec. Milk Program	374.12	
Public Law 874	14,191.83	
TOTAL		$14,565.95
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year		
July 1, 1976		
General Fund		34,555.25
GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS		$225,631.95

BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 1977

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1977	$15,591.46
GRAND TOTAL ASSETS	$15,591.46
LIABILITIES	
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	$15,591.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	$15,591.46
STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES & BONDS	—0—

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

SUMMARY		
Cash on Hand July 1, 1976 (Treasurer's Balance)		$34,555.25
Received from Selectmen	$171,391.11	
Revenue from State Sources	4,527.64	
Revenue from Federal Sources	14,565.95	
Received from all Other Sources	712.96	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$191,197.66
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance & Receipts)		$225,752.91
Less School Board Orders Paid		210,161.45
BALANCE ON HAND, June 30, 1977		$15,591.46

June 19, 1977

William J. O'Connor
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of New Castle of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and find them correct in all respects.

July 15, 1977

Charles W. Clark
Auditor

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The year of 1977 was one in which there were problems that could have seriously affected the education of your children, but I am pleased to report this did not occur. Throughout the year, the education process has gone on. It is difficult to teach, especially under stress, but to the credit of the staff, an observer would see a normal teaching day being carried forth.

I believe that a school with double grades is probably one of the most difficult places in which to teach. Along with this, the philosophy of giving individual attention as much as possible is apt to compound the teaching difficulties. However, this type of education, for the most part, works well in New Castle. The results of standardized testing, the placement of students in the junior high years and the percentage of your students on honor rolls indicate that they are receiving a good basic education.

As the year draws to a close, the School Board is investigating the continuation of the contract for educating junior high age pupils with the Rye School Board. The Rye Board has asked for a fewer number of years for being responsible for educating New Castle students. Both Boards will be meeting to see if there is mutual acceptability of the various conditions in the contract.

A change that has taken place was the reinstitution of the single session at the High School. I believe that this is an educationally sound practice and your sons and daughters should benefit from the change. Certainly, the opportunity to have a good education and also to participate in extracurricula activities is greatly enhanced.

A year ago, I reported that in my opinion, the Supervisory Union would split. This is going to happen officially on July 1, 1978 when the four towns which were part of Supervisory Union 52 will become Supervisory Union 50. As indicated, the official date for the split is next July; however, an office has been in operation at 1247 Washington Road in Rye since November 14, 1977. As reported a year ago, I do not believe the education of your children has been hurt by this move, and if anything, there

has been greater coordination among the schools sending their students to Portsmouth for secondary education.

It has been a difficult year. I anticipate that the road ahead will be smoother and that the learning process will continue to prepare the children of New Castle for their future. I trust that the learning experienced during the year will benefit us all.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Ball,
Assistant Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT'S, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SALARY SHARES

The following figures show the State's Share of the Superintendent's, Assistant Superintendent's and Business Administrator's salaries and the proportionate share paid by each school district in Supervisory Union No. 52 for 1977-78:

	Supt.	Asst. Supt.	Asst. Supt.	Bus. Admin.
State's Share	$2,500	$2,350	$2,350	$2,350
Greenland	1,279	1,049	1,003	881
Newington	2,601	2,132	2,039	1,791
New Castle	762	624	597	524
Portsmouth	19,687	16,136	15,433	13,552
Rye	3,671	3,009	2,878	2,527
Total	$30,500	$25,300	$24,300	$21,625

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT — 1978

1977 has been a busy and productive year for us at the Maude H. Trefethen School. I know that I speak for the staff of the school when I say thank you to all the parents and town's people who have supported and encouraged us.

We enjoyed many successes which include the Conservation Camp once again attended by the fifth and sixth grade students, the Learning Fair held at Prescott Park and, of course, the spectacular production of Cinderella. We also instituted a new reading system this year which incorporates the language arts skills . . . the Holt Basic Reading System. All of these valuable learning events would not have taken place without long hours and dedication on the part of staff members and supportive parents alike.

The teachers of the Maude H. Trefethen School strive for the maximum progress of each pupil toward two major goals: the first, that the child shall become a desirable citizen of our democracy; the second, that each child shall meet his or her own reasonable expectations in achievement.

I offer four values that, in my opinion, should remain firm:

1. The Unshakable Belief That Every Child Can Learn.
2. The Equally Firm Belief That Teachers And Principals Must Also Be Lifelong Learners.
3. The Further Belief That People Must Come Before Paperwork.
4. The Absolute Conviction That School Must Be An Encouraging And Supportive Place, where people feel free to take reasonable risks, knowing that they will never meet ridicule if they are wrong and that they will always meet with respect for daring to try. Without that kind of atmosphere, all else fails. With it, everything is possible.

Once again this year I invite you to visit your school and see the fine learning that is taking place.

Gilbert A. Williams
Principal

1977 SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

The 1976-77 school year was a year of firsts. Besides the usual testing of the students' eyes and ears, we weighed and measured them, did strep screens and communicable disease checks, and took several trips to the emergency room at Portsmouth Hospital.

New this year was a Red Cross First Aid Course given to the fifth and sixth grades with the help of Miss Oroski. The first and second graders were given a safety course with the help of Mrs. Paige and Miss Noonis.

An extensive nutrition program was carried out with Miss White's third and fourth graders ending with a luncheon for the whole student body. They also took a trip to a local restaurant and were treated to lunch.

We had the honor of being the first elementary school to take part in a National Blood Pressure Clinic. New Castle's Registered Nurses helped me with this program.

Another first was a comprehensive eye exam for each student conducted by a local optometrist with the help of PTO members.

A swim meet was put on by the Physical Education and Health Departments at the school, at a small cost to the students.

Our school physician, Doctor Frank Gvozdenovic, made physical exams available to each student with 50% of the children taking part in this free program.

I feel my health program was successful this year because of the encouragement and help of the parents and local taxpayers. This is very important to the staff of any school

Thank you,

Kathleen E. Dewhirst, RN
January 14, 1978

SCHOOL STATISTICS
1976-1977

Promotions

GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
Promoted	9	8	12	12	9	13	63
Not Promoted							1

Average Daily Membership	**61**
Average Percentage of Attendance	**96.8**

School Census

Number of Children in District, 1-5 years of age	33
Number of Children in District, 6-18 years of age	160
Number of Children in Parochial or Private Schools	36
Number of Children ages 5-18 not attending school	3

New Castle Tuition Pupils
1977-1978

Rye Junior High School
GRADE 7—Brenda Barton, Lea Golter, John McCormack, Stanley Metcalf, Tracy Miles, Margaret O'Connor, Amy Palmer, Roderick Ricard, Lorri Shea, Alison Tapley, Bradley Thyng, Timothy Ward, Glenn Whitehouse.

GRADE 8—Nicole Armitage, David Fessenden, Cindy Glidden, Chris Holt, Marianne Metcalf, Timothy Morong, Jennifer Riffe, Holly Roche, Elizabeth Tarbell, Julie Trueman, Scott Whitehouse.

Portsmouth Senior High School
GRADE 9—Joseph P. Arsenault, Michael C. Fessenden, Michael P. Finn, Timothy S. Holt, Melissa Jordan, Tracy LeBlanc, Jeffrey Martin, Richard G. Metcalf, Diane A.

Miller, Mark D. Moore, Dana V. Padgett, Todd F. Pitts, Kathy A. Roy, Lawrence S. Ricard, Mark A. Tarbell, James G. Udaloy, Gregory Ward.

GRADE 10—Kay Ann Cross, Gary Lynn Glidden, Sue Jean Golter, Jill B. Jarvis, John G. Kuchtey, Debra I. Roy, Karl M. Snyder, Jeanne E. Tabbutt, Katherine L. Tapley.

GRADE 11—Andrea Anderson, Elizabeth C. Beard, Jeff Cross, Pamela Fessenden, Linda S. Frampton, Stephen Holt, Ann Marie Leahy, John S. Metcalf, Judith A. Roy, Amanda Silva, Jeremy Thayer, James Thayer, Donna Thyng.

GRADE 12—Michele Louise Arsenault, Denise I. Bucklin, Deborah Came, Terri Lynn Golter, Christopher Martin, Susan Miller, Paul Silva, Steve Tabbutt, Stephanie T. Tapley.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1977

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
March 2	Dover	Scott Robinson Jeffco	M	Stephen T. Jeffco	Marjory E.	N.H.	PA.
June 24	Portsmouth	Michael Arnold Petlick	M	Charles A. Petlick	Charlene M. McKie	GA.	N.H.
Sept. 1	Portsmouth	Todd Franklin Robbins	M	Theodore F. Robbins	Mary Ann Skruta	CONN.	MA.
Sept. 3	Portsmouth	Emily Erin Foley	F	D. John Foley	Colette Y.M. Garnier	France	N.H.
Dec. 5	Portsmouth	Heather Nancy McIntyre	F	Hugh D. McIntyre	Nancy A. McCarthy	ME.	Scot.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1977

Date Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence Each at Time of Marriage	Name of Parents	By whom married
May 7	New Castle	Scott J. Maddock	Portsmouth	Richard Maddock Phyliss Elwell	J. Donald Silva
		Heidi J. Snyder	New Castle	William Snyder Jean Wojciak	
May 7	Greenland	Bruce W. Smith	New Castle	Bruce N. Smith Norma L. Lagestrom	John P. Potter
		Karole A. Pinney	Greenland	Richard B. Pinney Jane Arendt	
June 26	New Castle	John B.E. Burch	Los Angeles,CA.	G.N. Blair Burch Althea Ward	Samuel Ummer
		Elizabeth F. Jaffe	Los Angeles,CA.	Rubin I. Jaffe Barbara Weiss	Harold W. Woodbury
July 17	Portsmouth	George B. Almgren Jr.	New Castle	George B. Almgren Ingeborg Malmgren	Wesley Burwell
		Nancy W. Lloyd	Portsmouth	Theodore F. Weaver Virginia Hughes	
July 23	Portsmouth	Walter L. Reynolds	New Castle	Harold Reynolds Jennie Rittenhouse	Evelyn L. Hanscom, J.P.
		Arlene N. Vendasi	Somersworth	Romeo Jacques Angele Tanquay	

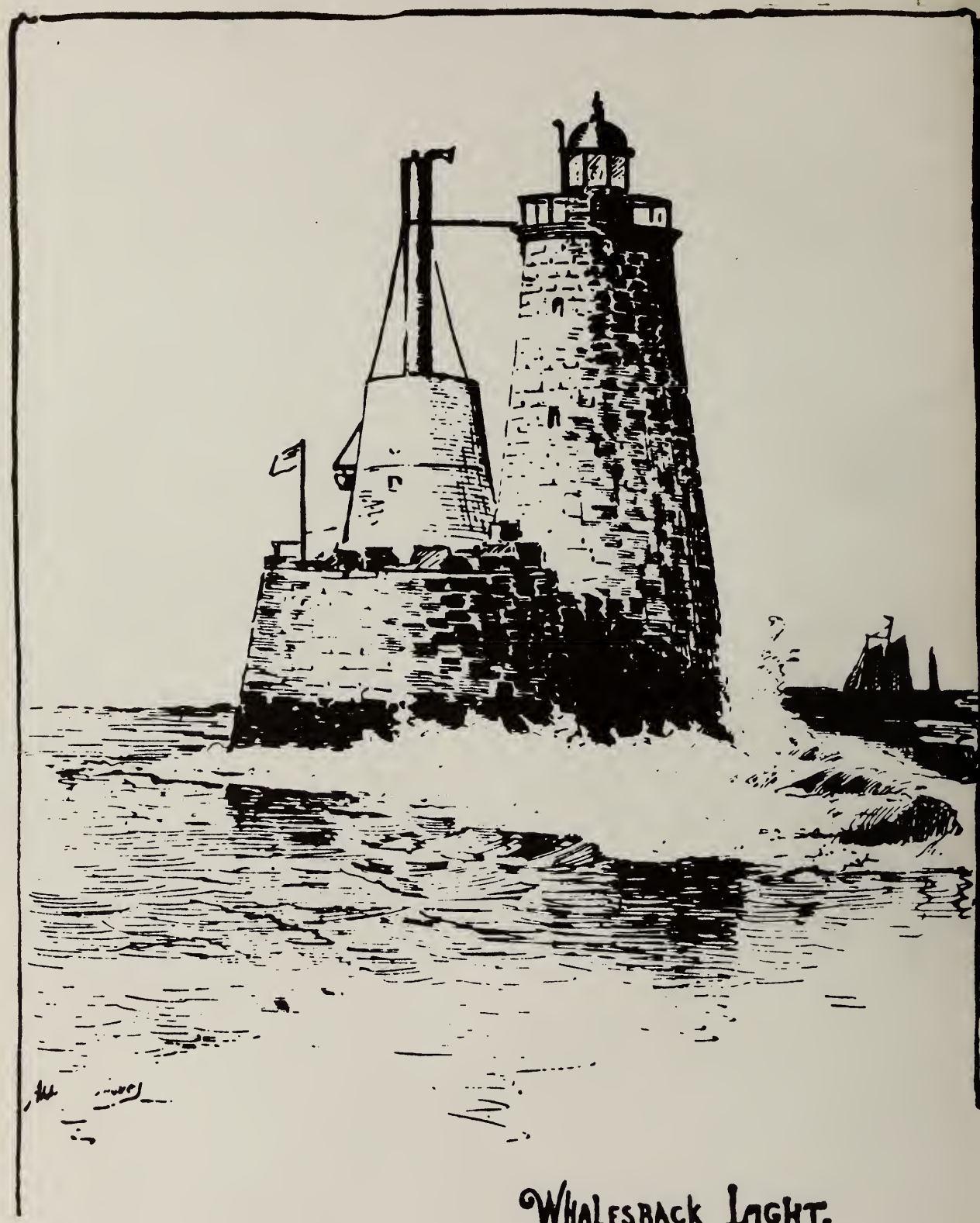
July 30	New Castle	Byron G. Newton	New Castle	Ray B. Newton Ethel Hurd Charles S. Paul Patricia A. Martin	J. Donald Silva
		Judith E. Poirier	Portsmouth		
Aug. 27	New Castle	Steven B. Jefferson	Rye	Charles E. Jefferson Barbara A. Isherwood Philip D. Phelps Elizabeth F. Fitzgerald	Rev. Franklin Boever
		Elizabeth A. Phelps	Rye		
Sept. 17	New Castle	Christopher S. Maller	Hull's Cove,Me.	John F. Maller Evadne Burglund Gregg C. Birdsall Natalie Audibert	Rev. Fessenden A. Nichols
		Isabelle Birdsall	New Castle		
Oct. 29	Greenland	Dale G. Foster	New Castle	Royce R. Foster Carol L. Zink Raymond F. House Mary F. Packard	Kendra G. Kersey,J.P.
		Vicki L. House	Greenland		
Nov. 12	New Castle	William E. Lanham	Kittery, Me.	Elwood E. Lanham Eleanor E. Boger Albert E. Mori Hilda Ricker	J. Donald Silva
		Ruth E. Hutchinson	New Castle		
Dec. 17	New Castle	Robert K. Stewart	New Castle	Robert Stewart Adeline Simmons Chester Williams Mabel Pridham	Evelyn L. Hanscom,J.P.
		Caroline E. Flagg	New Castle		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE RECORDS OF NEW CASTLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 30	Portsmouth	Robert W. Burton	69	M	George L. Burton	Emma Woodworth
March 12	Portsmouth	Dorothy B. Jones	72	F	Chester A. Becker	Martha A. Amazeen
March 13	Portsmouth	Sally E. Hill	66	F	John Fultz	UNKNOWN
April 6	Portsmouth	Ellen H. Guptill	78	F	George G. Hoitt	Lura M. Sleeper
June 1	New Castle	Fred Stein	27	M	Merril Stein	Leona Berg
June 9	Portsmouth	Jane W. Sweetser	58	F	Newton Wood	Margaret Twaits
July 9	Portsmouth	Elinor H. Pingree	60	F	Karl W. Hanscom	Mary Craigin
Aug. 7	Exeter	Elizabeth B. Irwin	79	F	Conrad C. Born	Mary Echardt
Sept. 12	New Castle	Rose B. Learnard	90	F	Robert C. Chase	Jeanette Begg
Oct. 24	New Castle	Sally H. Lincoln	38	F	George Hume	Louise Manley
Oct. 26	Miami, Fla.	Frances B. Wrensch	90	F	Harry F. Backus	Ada M. Dustan
Nov. 3	Portsmouth	Theresa B. Copley	83	F	John Joyce	Catherine Gannon
Nov. 24	Milton, MA.	Rudolph Gfroerer	81	M	Daniel Gfroerer	Emily Kammler
Dec. 17	Portsmouth	Stanley B. Hayes	75	M	Kenneth F. Hayes	Bernice Prime

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MARCIA L. WHITEHOUSE, Town Clerk



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